



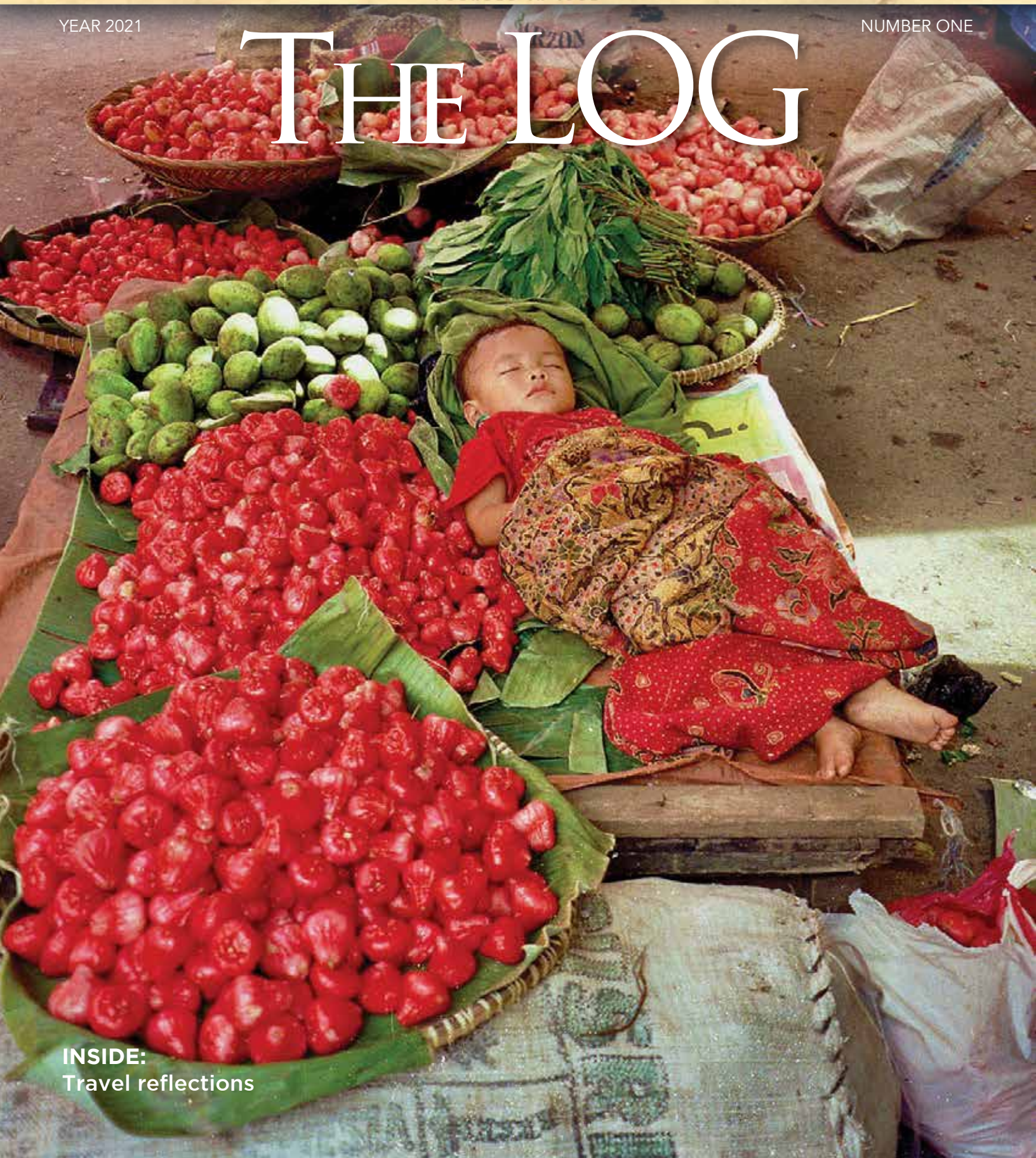
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THIS TIME AROUND

BY DAVID A. MINK - International President & Editorial Director

Is international travel on its way back? Even with the continued uncertainties of the pandemic, there are hopeful signs the travelers are back on the sea, the road and in the air. My wife Dottie and I recently returned from a glorious trip to Iceland, a trip that had been postponed for a year. The small cruise sailing adventure was totally sold out for all of summer. Travelers on our cruise were uniformly excited to be back to travel.

We are hopeful that Circumnavigators will be able to fulfill our mission to share international experiences and "Leave the World Better than We found it." We encourage all Club members to let us know about their international trips.

With that said, I would like to offer a toast to "Happy Times Are Here Again."





In this issue, you will find Club news and feature stories of trip reflections, as well as some recent travel adventures. Circumnavigator Melanie Peterson (wife of our First Vice President, Dan Peterson) ventured off to Egypt with a friend. She got some wonderful “people” photos shown in this issue. Readers will surely love Circumnavigator Ann Swinford’s photos of the Northern Lights.

This issue is a bit slimmer than past issues due to the quiet days of the pandemic. There are no Chapter Highlights because Chapters were generally restricted to virtual events and All Over the Map couldn't find many members who traveled internationally since the last issue. We hope you enjoy this issue.



David
David A. Mink

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Circumnavigator Kari Wright Bodnarchuk for the peaceful cover photo of the slumbering child in an Indonesian Market. More of Kari's photos are in this issue. **Kari (Pacific Northwest Chapter)** is a professional travel writer.



Club News - International Annual Meeting

In May, Executive Director Tracy Sancilio tapped the historic whale tooth gavel to open the Club's 119th Annual Meeting. For the second year, the meeting was held virtually via Zoom, a concept that our founders couldn't have imagined. If all goes as planned, next year's meeting will be held on June 3, 2022 at the Penn Club in New York City. Save the date!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.



Jeneane Blom joined the Club in 2005. Her first circumnavigation was a year-long backpacking adventure in 1992-3. She currently serves as President of the Chicago Chapter. She is past president and current board member of the Light and Leadership Initiative, an education-focused non-profit in Huaycan, Peru.



Michael Puldry is a member of the Pacific Southwest Chapter and currently lives in Los Angeles. A car enthusiast, he wrote in the last LOG about his cross country driving adventure (Jax to Lax) in his vintage Porsche.



Steve Barnett lives in Panama, where he retired 15 years ago. He has been a Circumnavigator for more than 30 years, originally joining in Singapore and later becoming a member of several chapters including the Pacific Northwest Chapter where he was President. Steve is an avid (ok, "fanatic" in his words) long-distance motorcycle traveler and has visited more than 50 countries on two wheels.



Congratulations to veteran Circumnavigator **Lois Kahan** who has been honored as the Club's Honorary President. Lois, who joined the Club in 1994, remarked "I'll tell my family to make sure it is on my gravestone." Lois has a great sense of humor and is adored by all. She has served the Club in many capacities and rarely misses an event in New York.



MAGNETIC VISION OF THE WORLD

BY KATIE KOONTZ
NEW YORK METRO



Circumnavigator Kathy Sinclair (Chicago Chapter) is no stranger to collecting.

Her collection of fridge magnets is nearly 30 years in the making and includes hundreds of pieces from places around the world — but her first collection started as a young child a bit closer to home.

"My collections actually started with collecting small wooden boxes when I was a young child," Kathy says. "The first ones I acquired were from Mackinac Island and Sault Ste. Marie in Michigan in the 1960's."

Over the years her collections have grown to include post cards, pins, books and, of course, fridge magnets.

"The best thing about the fridge magnet collection is that you get to see it every day," she says. "It never gets old. You get to relive all of the places you've been every time you walk by."

A San Francisco magnet, featuring a cable car with the bay behind it, kicked off the collection.

"I soon realized that many places had magnets, they were easy to fit in your suitcase and easy to display and enjoy when you got home!" she says.

Now, Kathy has gathered about 350 fridge magnets from her travels around the world, including places like Switzerland, Belgium and Lake Como. If you take one look at the collection, you can see there's no shortage of magnet variety.

"The most recent additions are from our trip to 8 Southwest National Parks in Utah and Arizona and our M-119 road sign that runs along Lake Michigan in Harbor Springs, MI," she says.

There has been one refrigerator-sized snafu, however.

"Most of my magnets are stored on my kitchen fridge," Kathy says. "I have to say I was really disappointed when our new stainless-steel fridge was delivered and I realized that the magnets wouldn't stick to the front doors!"

She had to get creative.

"Luckily, both sides are metal and I've now expanded the collection to metal message boards attached to the walls next to my fridge."



EDITOR'S NOTE: WE SENT AN EMAIL TO OUR MEMBERS, ASKING WHO HAD TRAVELED ABROAD IN RECENT MONTHS. AS EXPECTED, THE PICKINGS WERE SLIM. APPARENTLY EGYPT IS THE PLACE TO GO AS SEEN FROM STORIES HERE AND FOLLOWING PAGES. RESTRICTIONS ARE LIGHT AND TRAVEL IS EASY THERE.



CHILLING OUT IN ICELAND

BY DAVID A. MINK
EDITORIAL DIRECTOR

David and Dottie Mink (New York Metro and Naples) decided to cool off in Iceland on a cruise that was planned for last summer. It was our first trip to this island country and we were not disappointed. The scenery is unique and stunning, the people are friendly and the sightseeing is excellent.

After flying from Newark to Reykjavik, we took a small ship cruise that traveled north on the west coast. The weather was an unpredictable matter—three glorious sunny days and four chilly drizzly ones. But, the weather didn't hinder a thing.

We saw magnificent waterfalls, thermal springs, glaciers, ice caves and charming little cities. One highlight was the chance to cross the Arctic Circle, requiring a six-mile round trip hike. We did it!

Another great experience was a swim in the famous Blue Lagoon with the temperature of about 105 degrees F. It was a luxury warm soak, enhanced by an open bar serving champagne and beer.

Other than the expected paperwork, the travel process was easy. We had to show that we were vaccinated and before coming home, we needed a covid test. We can attest that getting a nose swab isn't easy on a rolling ship.

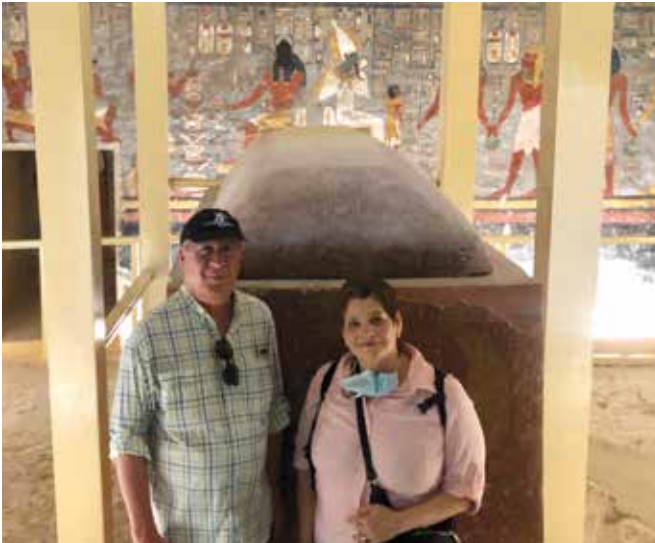
This was our first trip since the pandemic and we thoroughly enjoyed traveling again.



▼ **Norman & Susan Dailey (Washington DC Chapter)** visited Egypt and Jordan and found, like the Dills, that the lack of tourists was astounding. At the Great Pyramid there would normally be more than 15,000 visitors each day. This crowd shrunk to 500 during their trip. At Petra, in Jordan, the situation was the same. Although it made for a good visit, the Daileys recognized the burden on the workers and vendors.



◀ **Melody & Jon Dill (Naples Chapter)** visited Egypt during the winter when the pandemic was in full swing but they had no health problems and found the trip to be very rewarding. They reported that the weather was perfect and the lack of tourists made sightseeing a dream. Hotels and ships had limited capacity. On the sanctuary sun boat, there were 38 passengers when normally 80 would be onboard. They found they could walk right into temples that would normally have lines of hundreds. Also, the prices were great. They had a Nile view room at the Ritz Carlton for \$180 a night which would have been as high as \$600 during normal times. The Dills' photos show the emptiness.



▼ **Steven Barnett (new member of the Board of Governors)** gave us an interesting twist. We asked who had traveled abroad recently and Steven pointed out that "abroad" is a relative term. You see, he lives in Panama and went "abroad" to New Orleans. That counts! In June, he visited New Orleans to attend a week-long traditional Dixieland jazz workshop, where he also got the opportunity to play in an 80 member jazz parade and perform at Preservation Hall, which was a real thrill.



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

BY KARI BODNARCHUK
PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER



Twenty-five years ago, I set off on an around-the-world solo adventure when I backpacked through Asia, the South Pacific, New Zealand, and Australia. I immersed myself in cultures along the way, staying with nearly 40 different families, taking public transportation when possible, and spending afternoons chatting with locals at the marketplaces, at bus stops, and on the streets. I traveled slowly and deliberately, exploring towns and countries for as long as I wanted to—no pressure to move on. My goal: To connect with people—to learn about their lives, their cultures, and their world views.

Over time—one marriage and two kids later—my trips turned into bustling adventures, each one filled with fun activities and lists of destinations to visit as I sought to share the world with my family.



The pandemic forced us all to slow down, to put in-person interactions on hold, and to briefly hit pause on our globetrotting experiences. This last year's slow-moving pace has led me to reflect on my travel experiences over the past few decades and the importance of connecting with people and not just places.

Wherever I've traveled, I've always learned enough of the local language to have a basic conversation with people in their own language, something that has always helped to break down barriers and generate plenty of laughter. This worked well with the kids I met in Ban Rummit, a village in northern Thailand [Photo 2], a camel owner at the Giza pyramids [Photo 3], and a young girl outside a shop in Luxor [Photo 4].



As a photographer, I'm drawn to marketplaces for their vibrant colors, the chance to interact with villagers and learn about local food and crafts, and the occasional surprises. One of my favorite images was of a baby sleeping among the fruit in the Bukittinggi markets in Sumatra, Indonesia [Photo 1]. Visiting markets early, such as Bangkok's frenetic floating markets, allowed me to chat with the locals when they were relaxed (and not overwhelmed by visitors) and before they had sold all their precious goods [Photo 5].

I have also always enjoyed going off the beaten path. On a trip to Panama, I spent a day visiting the Embera people living in the Darien jungle [Photos 6 and 7]. I was six months pregnant at the time, which led to wonderful interactions with the local women and kids—I even left with a henna tattoo of a sea turtle on my big belly, much to everyone's delight.

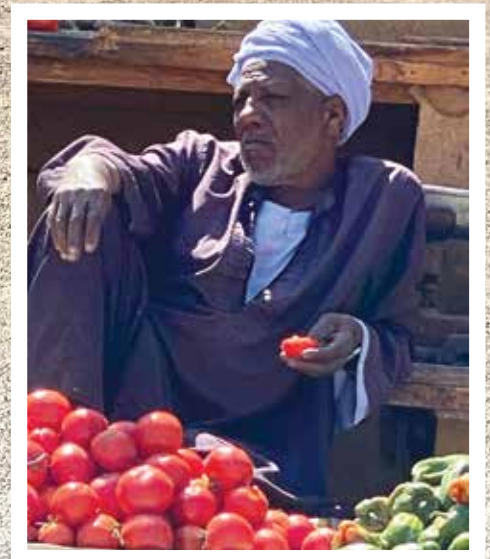
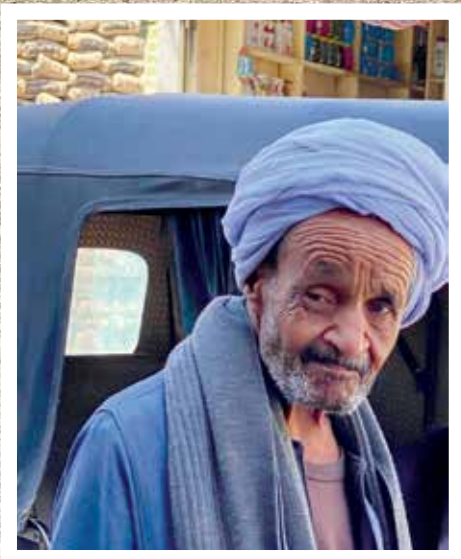
As a result of the pandemic, we have connected with people around the globe online. My kids have learned Spanish from native speakers and enjoyed live online cooking classes with families from other countries, and I have reconnected with an old acquaintance I met decades ago. This year, a woman I met in Malaysia 25 years ago tracked me down on Facebook. She had taken me into her home for a week years ago and shared her Malaysian Indian culture with me. She, too, is now married with kids and we have made loose plans to get our families together once travel fully resumes.

Meaningful connections can be made anytime, but I welcome the day when I can wander the globe—with my husband and kids in tow—and share cultures and world views with whomever we meet along our path. It won't be long, I'm sure.



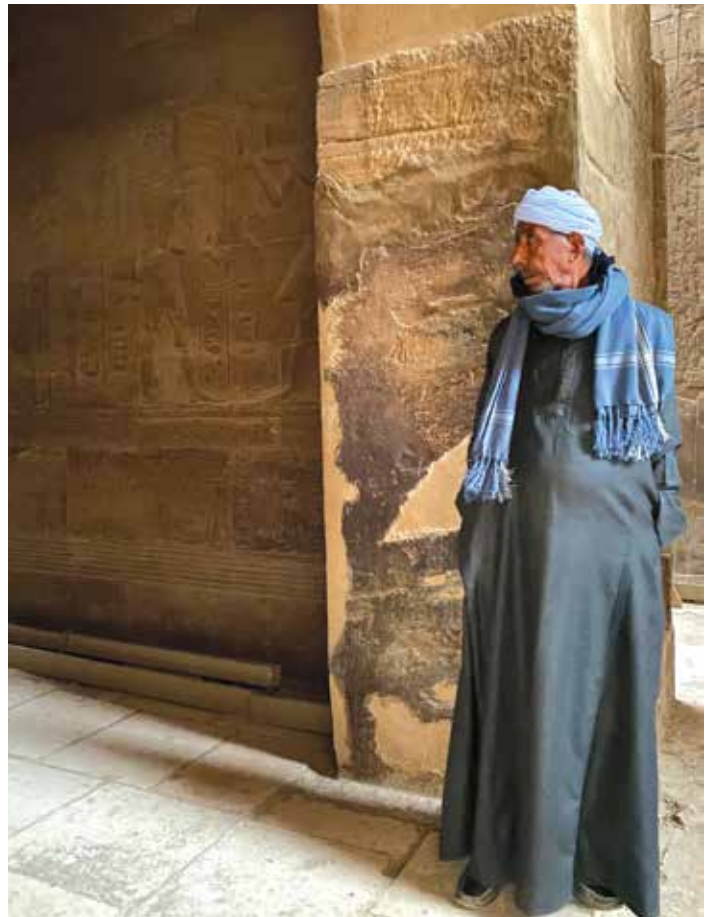
FANCY FREE IN EGYPT

BY MELANIE PETERSON
CHICAGO CHAPTER





Circumnavigator Melanie Peterson (Chicago Chapter) ventured off to Egypt where she took great photos shared here. Melanie and a friend spent 16 days on their adventure with time in Cairo, Luxor and a five night Nile cruise on a sailing boat. They described the accommodations, food and people were wonderful. The lack of tourists made visiting the major historic site a breeze. Mostly, Melanie was delighted to be back traveling the world.



FANCY FREE IN EGYPT



DUBAI: ***PERCEPTIONS*** ***AND REALITY***

BY GEOFFREY MCGRATH
AT LARGE - WASHINGTON



Dubai. The name evokes many visions: the Middle East, desert, Arabs, oil, a twenty-first century city, expensive real estate, a world class airline, and Islam. Many of the perceptions we have are at least partially true. Some perceptions may be less so.

Dubai has its origins in the mid-eighteenth century. In the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Dubai evolved into a small fishing and pearl diving village. With the discovery and exploitation of oil in the mid to late twentieth century, Dubai blossomed into an amazing city which has become a significant financial, technical, tourist, and trading center throughout the Middle East and the world.

There are seven emirates within the United Arab Emirates (UAE) of which Dubai is one. The current perception that the Emirate of Dubai is swimming in oil is not as true today as it once was. Due in large part to Dubai's expansion over the last 40 years, Dubai's oil reserves have been significantly depleted. Its current oil reserves are estimated at approximately 20 years. In comparison, the emirate of Abu Dhabi, the capital of the UAE, is the wealthiest of the emirates with oil reserves approximating 90 years. With the knowledge of finite and dwindling oil supplies, Dubai recognized early on in its modern development the need to diversify and plan for the time when their energy stocks run out.





As a result, Dubai experienced an incredible building boom. In 2005, one third of the world's construction cranes were in Dubai. Real estate was booming. In 2008, the global financial crisis hit Dubai. Dubai's economy was hit hard. Financial institutions felt the shockwave surging around the world. Real estate values plummeted. Retrenchment was the order of the day. Fortunately, Dubai survived due in large part to significant financial assistance from its wealthier neighbor, Abu Dhabi. Dubai has continued to expand and prosper. Today, revenues from Dubai's remaining oil reserves are spent primarily on infrastructure, education, and healthcare.

The population of Dubai consists of approximately 10-15% UAE nationals. The remainder of the population is made up of expatriates many of whom have been in the country for generations or were born in the UAE. While Islam is the official religion, the federal constitution provides for freedom of religion. There are approximately 25 other Christian denomination churches in Dubai. Demographically, 76% of the population is Muslim and nine percent of the population is Christian.

In recent years, my wife, Marilyn, and I traveled to India and stopped over in Dubai for our second visit to this remarkable city. What would we discover about Dubai this time? One day, while spending some time at Jumeirah Beach, we noticed a small, beautiful mosque nearby, which turned out to be Jumeirah Mosque. Upon our return home, we decided to do some research on Jumeirah Mosque. We found the mosque is open to visitors and offers an orientation to Islam as part of the visit. We made a note to visit this mosque should we revisit Dubai.

A year later, we again visited Dubai, as well as Abu Dhabi. Our sightseeing included a visit to Jumeirah Mosque. We had certain perceptions of Islam based on the news, on movies, and on our beliefs. The mosque has a program of "open doors, open minds" which is part of a larger program sponsored by the Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Centre for Cultural Understanding. This sounded interesting.

Our visit to Jumeirah Mosque began with a tour of the inside of the mosque, which is quite simple. Visitors must dress appropriately. Women must wear long sleeves and slacks or dresses to the ankles. A head scarf is also required. For men, long pants and long sleeve shirts are required.

Our guide talked about the five pillars of Islam: The testimony of faith, prayer, support for the needy, fasting during Ramadan, and the pilgrimage to Mecca (Hajj). We were then given a demonstration of how worship is conducted in the mosque. One aspect of worship which resonated with us is the greeting which followed the conclusion of worship. One turns to the person next to them and says "As-salamu alaykum (the peace be upon you)" followed by a response by your fellow worshipper of "Wa-Alaikum-Salaam (and upon you peace)".

Visitors were then invited to participate in a question and answer session. We were told no question was too controversial. Questions ranged from the differences between Sunni and Shia, is it required of women living in the UAE to wear an abaya, hijab, or burqa as in some Islamic nations (not required in Dubai, strictly a matter of preference), do women and men worship together, and some historical background on the Koran. We visited Jumeirah Mosque with a sincere desire to learn something about Islam. We left with the belief our visit informed us significantly about a faith we previously knew little about.

As-salamu alaykum.

TEN DAYS IN BELIZE AND GUATEMALA

BY GUNTHER & MARIA WINKLER
NAPLES CHAPTER

Last December we had ten days to leave behind our comfortable, known environment in Southwest Florida and explore some place on our beautiful earth. We were asking ourselves, "Where shall we travel to, experience a different culture, customs, new food and have lots of opportunities to explore?"

Well, just a short two-hour flight from Miami there is Central America! We decided to fly to Belize and Guatemala, have a driver pick us up and bring us to a fabulous lodge that offers adventure tours within Belize, as well as bring us to the Guatemalan border.

The lodge's motto was: "Wildly Civilized" and truly hit what we were looking for. Exploring the grounds of the lodge especially early in the morning and at dawn is a bird lover's dream come true.

What we experienced during the day on excursions with the lodge's very knowledgeable guides will forever be in our memories. We were asked before departing for the day if we were able swimmers. "Yes, we confirmed, we are just that". We brought our bathing suits and we sure needed them and not for the lodge's pool!

On our third day in Belize we went caving. This particular cave is only reachable by crossing three rivers and hiking for 45 minutes to the cave's entrance. Our guide tells us, just follow me. Before we could think much, we had jumped into the water and swam across the first river. To avoid being carried away by the significant current a rope was fastened from one riverbank to the other! Crossing a river by swimming - not just one, but three - (there simply are no bridges) requires a significant amount of physical fitness, after all we are into our sixties!

The cave itself was formed by a river that was flowing strong when we visited. At the mouth of the cave, we fastened our hard hats, turned on our flashlights and jumped into the cold water. Next, we swam and waded upstream in the darkness, in ankle to chest high water through a spectacular cave system. We ended up at a ledge full of ancient Mayan treasures. The rocky, slippery wet cave trails demanded every bit of attention we could muster and left us exhausted once we had returned to the cave entrance.

We wished we would be able to share photos of this adventure, but visitors are not allowed to bring cameras or cellphones.

After this strenuous nature adventure, we were ready to leave Belize and cross into



TEN DAYS IN BELIZE AND GUATEMALA

Guatemala. Leaving Belize on foot, rolling our luggage to the Guatemalan customs office, we were greeted on the other side by our Guatemalan guide.

Guatemala was a pure cultural immersion in ancient history, different customs, foods, colors and smells. A land of temples, volcanoes, mountains, lakes, friendly people and sophisticated architecture and hotels.

We had heard of the ancient ruins at Tikal but nothing prepared us for the spectacular archeological site spread out over many acres. Some of the temple sites are meticulously restored, many of them are still waiting to be unearthed by knowledgeable archeologists. Hearing details of ancient Mayan ceremonies left us spellbound. Guatemalan citizens, on weekend holiday with their families, were just as fascinated learning about their cultural heritage as we were.

Next to unforgettable temple sites are the picture-perfect open-air markets. The largest open-air market in Central America – a truly unforgettable site - takes place in Chichicastenango. What an Eldorado for a photographer!

To stay in Antigua, the former capital of Guatemala and one of the first Spanish Colonial Cities in the Americas, would have made the trip worthwhile by itself. Walking the cobblestone streets, visiting its ornate churches and public plazas, and admiring examples of Spanish Renaissance at every corner truly left us in awe. The city is surrounded by three spectacular volcanoes, one of them spewing large plumes of smoke and ash every 15 minutes. And if you like good coffee and want to learn how it is planted, cultivated, harvested and prepared for roasting, there is a coffee farm right at the outskirts of Antigua that gives great tours to the uninitiated visitor. Visitors can also sample the freshest and most fragrant cup of coffee right there.

So, if you want a short plane flight, especially from Miami, almost no change in time zone and experience a different world, we have a destination for you!





CHASING THE LIGHTS

BY ANN SWINFORD
MICHIGAN CHAPTER



I was standing on the side of the Dalton Highway from 11 pm to 3 am, 25 degrees Fahrenheit in wind gusts of 25 MPH, the occasional semi-trailer zooming by, shivering to my toes, trying to photograph the dancing white lights above. I was so desperately cold. We got back to the hotel around 4:00 am and I thought, "Well okay, I've seen them, don't need to be that cold again". Five hours later, after a nap, I looked at my pictures. Oh, my shattered nerves! The camera, with its longer exposure and sensor that is more sensitive than my eyes, showed me the greens and reds of the aurora. I was all in! I took a quick run to the local outfitters for better boots and another base layer and I was ready to go out again that night.

The northern lights (or aurora borealis) are the visible result of interactions of electrons in the solar wind with oxygen and nitrogen in the atmosphere and are nearly always there. The trick is to see them. You need clear skies and need to be under the auroral oval. The auroral oval usually is seen around

66.5 degrees north (or south in the case of the aurora australis) in Alaska, Northern Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Northern Finland, Sweden, Norway and Russia. The geomagnetic activity index is referred to as Kp and is on a scale of 0-10. The higher the Kp, the further south the aurora can be seen. For instance, if the Kp is 1, the lights can be seen in Fairbanks. If the Kp is 5, then Chicago and Detroit are in luck. Kp 6 allows the lights to be seen in New York City and Manchester, England, and if Kp is 9, even Miami will be blessed. You can check this web site for more data: <https://www.spaceweatherlive.com/en/help/the-kp-index.html>.

The coronal mass ejections that cause the auroras can arrive at earth in 15-18 hours or after several days. The daily forecast can be seen at www.spaceweather.com and you can have alerts sent to you by email or text.

The aurora is best seen around the spring and fall equinox, so plan your trip for the new moon closest to the equinox. Plan your viewing for the hours around midnight, 10:00 pm – 2:00 am. The number of sunspots that cause coronal mass ejections vary over time with about an 11-year cycle. NASA predicts that the next maximum will be between 2023 and 2026.

I have been to both Fairbanks, Alaska and Abisko, Sweden to see them. My advice is to make sure you have a vehicle so that you can chase to get out from underneath cloud cover. I had the misfortune of being on an "aurora tour" in Abisko during one of the biggest geomagnetic storms of the decade and only got glimpses through the clouds because the "guide" had no vehicle or ability to chase.

If you plan to photograph the aurora, you need the ability to take long exposures and a sturdy tripod. For the long exposures required, station yourself on solid land. (Rocking boats are an enemy of long exposure tripod work.) But most importantly, dress warm and have fun!





WELCOME *aboard*s

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

JERRY ALLEN



Jerry lives in Keller, Texas with his wife Nan, also a new Circumnavigator. He has traveled to

136 of the Travelers' Century Club "countries" and has visited all the continents. He is deeply involved with his church and has been honored for his volunteering.

NAN ALLEN



Like her husband Jerry, Nan has traveled extensively, visiting the same number of

"countries" and continents. She is now retired after a career in hotel management. Among her many interests, she is an avid Dallas Mavericks fan, member of MFFL (Mavericks Fan For Life).

CHRISTINE ANSBACHER



Christine brings a unique profession to the Circumnavigators—she is a wine educator, a subject

that many Club members enjoy. She has residences in Palm Beach and Manhattan. She joins the **Palm Beach Chapter**. With degrees and certification in the field of wine education, she launched a career as a featured speaker at private clubs, corporate and charity events, appeared on daytime news and entertainment programs, and gave private wine classes. She also wrote a best-selling wine guide for novices.

JOHN ATTANASIO



John is a distinguished lawyer and author with too many honors and accomplishments

to record in this short space. He has worked with Supreme Court Justices and interacted with numerous high-ranking officials in law and politics. He lives in Hoboken, NJ with his wife Kathy.

MICHAEL BELL



Michael is a business executive who works remotely, allowing him to travel for the past

six years. He is an enthusiastic traveler who loves exploring the world and has visited over 100 countries. Although his roots are in Chicago, he now spends most of his time in New York.

PAUL CHAPIN



Retired as a chemical engineer, Paul now lives in Naples, Florida with his wife

Ginny. Paul's long career brought him to live and work in many countries throughout the world, including Scotland, Malawi, the Netherlands, France and Germany. He loves to tell stories of the people he has met and his travel experiences. He joins the **Naples Chapter**.

JOHNSON CHEN



Johnson Chen is Founder & CEO of CapBridge, a global private markets platform set up in partnership with the

Singapore Exchange. Mr Chen sits on the Singapore National Research Foundation Proof-of-Concept grant panel and is a member of the Strategic Research Innovation Fund committee of NTUitive, Nanyang Technological University's innovation and enterprise company. He joins the **Singapore Chapter**.

JOHN COLLIVER



After growing up on a farm in Southern Kentucky, John went into the Insurance

business and later broadened his business in a travel agency. He has visited 156 countries and all continents and written about his adventures such as the Trans-Siberian Railroad and climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. He and his wife Ellen have homes in Naples, FL and Louisville, KY. He joins the **Naples Chapter**.

MICHAEL LAWLER



A true adventurer, Michael completed a three-year circumnavigation on his 47 ft.

sailboat "Traveler," sailing 31,145 nautical miles and visiting 61 countries on six continents. He is also the current President of the Adventurers' Club. Michael lives in Newport Beach, California. His second residence is "anywhere the wind blows." He also enjoys mountain climbing, flying and hot air ballooning. He joins the **Pacific Southwest Chapter**.

REGIN REYNO



A Filipino, Regin was very excited to make his circumnavigation and join our historic club. He

has gotten extensive press in the Philippines about his trip. He is a member of Pinoy Travel Bloggers, a group of Filipino travelers who love to write, and in 2013, was named by Southeast Asia Backpacker magazine as one of the 50 Inspiring Travel Bloggers to Follow. In his spare time, he teaches English.

JUDY VAN HORN



Judy lives in Englewood, Florida with her husband Tom, also a new

Circumnavigator. She started her international travels as a teen and has traveled to 4 continents and 53 countries. She is an active artist and joins the **Naples Chapter**.

TOM VAN HORN



Tom joins the **Naples Chapter** along with his wife Judy. He

is a retired Global Managing Partner where he led various businesses and sales initiatives across the globe. Tom has visited 60 countries and lived in Italy, Melbourne, Australia and South Korea.

GARY XIE



Living in Singapore, Mr. Xie is a business executive with several degrees and

honors to his name. He is on the Board of the Singapore Hotel Association. His firm, Bonvests, owns and manages various prime commercial properties including Sheraton Towers Singapore Hotel, Four Points by Sheraton Perth and luxury resorts located in Tunis, Mauritius, Zanzibar and Maldives. He joins the **Singapore Chapter**.

IN MEMORY OF ALFRED (AL) MORASSO, JR.

Circum Legend Alfred (Al) Morasso, Jr. passed away June 16th at the age of 94 in Somerset, NJ. Al was a longtime member of the Circumnavigators Club for a remarkable 70 years. His father (the first Alfred), a member of the United States Merchant Marine, was the sole survivor of a 1920 tragic ship sinking off the Swedish coastline. The senior Al Morasso strapped himself to the sinking ship's mast, where he remained for twelve hours until his rescue. Al, Sr. became President of the Circumnavigators Club and sponsored his 23 year old son in 1950. Al (Jr) later became President of the Club serving from 2004 to 2006. This historic genealogy is the only case of a father and son both serving in this role. Al's son (third generation Alfred Morasso) has been a member of the Club for 18 years and is a Life Member.

Al attended and graduated from the Merchant Marine Academy and spent much of his life on the sea. When the pride of the Italian fleet, the SS Andrea Doria collided with the MV Stockholm in July 1956, Al was called into action while aboard one of the rescue ships and witnessed the Andrea Doria sinking off the coast of Nantucket. In more peaceful times, Al delved into a hobby of visiting and photographing lighthouses throughout the world. He and Betty took their children and grandchildren on a pilgrimage to Sweden to visit the area and museum and cemetery relating to the senior Al's ordeal in 1920.

Always a colorful individual with a fascinating history, including service in the Korean War, he will be greatly missed. The Club extends its deepest sympathy to his wife Betty and the whole Morasso clan. His numerous friends in the Club will remember him with love.



OVER THE HORIZON

Dennis Fredrickson
Naples, FL
December 24, 2019

William Freyd
Las Vegas, NV
August 20, 2020

David J. Macarthy
Naples, FL
June 10, 2021

Elizabeth Minnich
York, PA
March 27, 2021

Alfred Morasso Jr.
Somerset, NJ
June 16, 2021





FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S *LETTER*

Dear Fellow Circumnavigators:

The global pandemic has taken a toll on our grant program for the second year. Travel prohibitions made it impossible once again this summer for our two 2020 grantees, whose grants were extended for a year, to undertake their scholarly circumnavigations, and, as they had graduated from college, their grants expired. The lone 2021 grantee, Mackenzie Gentz of Northwestern University, was automatically given a year's deferral and hopes to embark upon her trip in the summer of 2022. We hope that conditions will permit us, in collaboration with our university partners, to resume grant-making activity this fall on a somewhat normal basis.

The two 2020 grantees who were unable to make their circumnavigations for two years in a row, Christopher Cassidy of Georgetown University, and Amanda Davis of Northwestern University, were understandably disappointed in not being able to use their grants. In view of their willingness to postpone their travel-study projects and of the unprecedented circumstances which in the end prevented them from undertaking them at all, the Foundation's board awarded them one-time honorariums and certificates designating them as Foundation Grantees. Mandy and Chris expressed their appreciation to us in writing, excerpts of which I'd like to share with the membership, whose donations have sustained our grants for a half century (see related article).

Mandy wrote:

...I cannot thank you all enough for this honor. It means so much to me that the Foundation went the extra mile to honor me despite the trip being canceled. I am so grateful for this kind and generous gesture. The grant will be immensely helpful for getting me to see the world at some point in the near future!

Chris wrote:

I want to thank you for your help and patience over the past year and a half. It was an honor to win the Circumnavigators Grant. Although I did not embark on the trip, I learned invaluable lessons regarding grant writing, research methods, and travel planning. The grant epitomized my interest in foreign service, and I am all the more inspired to pursue a career in diplomacy after engaging with the club and its members. ...The honorarium was very generous. ...I intend to use [it] to fund international travel as soon as conditions allow.

These comments epitomize the spirit of the young scholars our Chapter Coordinators and selection committees work tirelessly to find. Let's hope the ensuing year makes their job a more fulfilling one.

Luck to You!

Gregory Rider
President

OUR SCHOLARS

Stay tuned! Our Foundation scholars will tell us what they discovered on their amazing circumnavigations. We will ask them about the countries they visited, highlights, favorite places, lowlights/surprises, dining experiences, and, most importantly, about friendship and what they learned about themselves.

AMANDA DAVIS

Northwestern University



CHRISTOPHER CASSIDY

Georgetown University





FOUNDATION'S AROUND-THE-WORLD GRANT PROGRAM TURNS 50!

BE A PART OF THE FOUNDATION'S HALF-CENTURY RETROSPECTIVE PROJECT

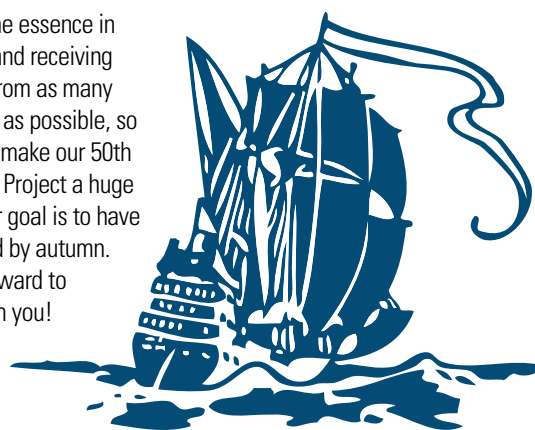
1971 marked the award of the very first Circumnavigators Club Foundation Around-the-World Travel-Study grant. In the five decades that have followed, the Foundation's grant program has afforded 140 young scholars from 15 universities the opportunity to plan and undertake original study projects of global significance while doing what comes naturally to Circumnavigators — traveling the world!

In observance of the half-century milestone of its flagship program, the Foundation is compiling a multi-media retrospective of memories, observations, and anecdotes by participants in the grant program over the years, including Foundation Scholars (grantees), Chapter Foundation Coordinators, past Club and Foundation officials, and university administrators. The project's objective is to create as complete a record as possible of the people and events which have made the grant program — the only one of its kind in academia — such a huge success. When completed, the archives will include written material, photographs, video interviews, and a professionally produced short documentary film, all of which will be accessible online to

Club members and participating universities, and readily available for promotional use at the Chapter level and more broadly in the media. A committee comprised of seven Foundation board members — all Foundation Scholars — is spearheading the project, with the assistance of Tracy Sancilio and an outside professional video producer.

We need your help to make the retrospective project a success! Letters and questionnaires are being distributed to as many Foundation Scholars, Foundation and Chapter officials, and university administrators as we have current information for. Our contact information is incomplete, however, so we're calling on ANY member who has participated in the grant program over the years to become involved. If you, or someone you know, has been a Foundation Scholar, Chapter Coordinator, member of a selection committee, Foundation or Club grant-related official, or academic liaison for the program, please submit your complete contact information by email to Tracy Sancilio at club@circumnavigators.org without delay so that we can send you a questionnaire and related materials (and start digging through your photo files for images of grantees being selected, *en route* while traveling, or making presentations at Club events).

Time is of the essence in contacting and receiving responses from as many participants as possible, so please help make our 50th Anniversary Project a huge success; our goal is to have it completed by autumn. We look forward to hearing from you!



THROUGH MY LENS

TIPS FOR A TRAVELING PHOTOGRAPHER

EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING

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Most of the time, when thunder clouds gather, skies darken, or mists roll in, we put our cameras back where they came from, judging conditions to be less than ideal.

Yet bad conditions can create great pictures. We just need to be ready. Weather is very mercurial. Nature is very good at keeping us guessing. We can be caught off-guard by the sudden appearance of a glorious rainbow or a dramatic lightning strike, wishing we had been prepared with a camera at the ready. And these days with lenses becoming increasingly sensitive even in today's cell phones, there's no need to run for cover when poor conditions cloud a scene.

Photography is at its best when it offers a variety of imagery. Rain, mist, and fog all have the potential to add atmosphere, like this shot of a mountain brooding above a monastery in northern Spain (photo 1).





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In rain, people fight with umbrellas (photo 2) and protect themselves in sometimes bizarre fashion (photo 3); sidewalks glisten, trees drip, streams eddy, and rivers crest (photo 4).

Storm clouds can serve to highlight a subject, displaying it in sharp contrast, like this one of Helsinki Cathedral (photo 5) in Finland.

Mists and fogs can create an almost magical atmosphere. In (photo 6), sky, sea and smoke blend together, silhouetting the 1912 Edwardian steamer *TSS Earnslaw* as it chugs blindly across Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown, NZ.

Rainbows, as unpredictable and short-lived as they are, can transform a landscape. They need sunshine and rain, or in this shot (photo 7) a dense cloud of water spray created by the mighty Zambezi River as it plunged into the Batoka Gorge creating Victoria Falls and defining the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Bottom line: When conditions are less than ideal, stay focused. You never know where you'll find silver in the clouds or gold at the end of the rainbow.



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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. Please do not call the Yale Club directly.