

The Explorers Club Northern California Chapter

April 2008

Note venues and dates with care.
Changed DATE at the GGYC
Our next event is at 6:30 on
April 23, a Wednesday evening,
at the Golden Gate Yacht Club
San Francisco

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Lijiang, Yunnan, China

First Five Years

2002: Jeff Morgan and Dr. Ian Hodder (Professor of Anthropology, Stanford University) co-found Global Heritage Fund in Palo Alto, California. First investment in Lijiang Ancient Town, Yunnan, China.

2003: Introduces the Preservation Incentive Fund for private-public heritage conservation and sustainable development in China. Jeff Morgan receives the Draper Fellowship and 3-year operating grant plus a major grant from the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund.

2004: With The World Bank, hosts Iraq Heritage Congress in Petra, Jordan; awards funding to the 7,000-year-old city of Catalhöyük, Turkey; signs for the restoration of the Kars Heritage district in Eastern Anatolia.

2005: Completes restoration of gate at Izborsk Fortress in Pskov (Russia); completes conservation of temple complexes of the My Son Sanctuary (Vietnam); enters partnership for Foguang Temple, Wutai Mountains; leads Chinese delegation to USA for partnership with U.S. Park Service.

2006: Opens first Mirador Community Visitors Center (Mexico); begins restoration of Chandramauleswar Temple at Hampi in Karnataka (India); agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior for the Mirador Archaeological and Wildlife Preserve; partnership to develop the Indus Heritage Centre; completes intervention at Chavin de Huantar (Peru); reaches \$3.18 million annual budget.



Main Temple of Iraq's only designated World Heritage Site- Hatra



Apollonia. Susa—on the Mediterranean near Cyrene's UNESCO World Heritage site

San Francisco—April 23, 2008 Jeff Morgan, Executive Director Global Heritage Fund A Saving Method That is Working

Global Heritage Fund (GHF) is a non-profit, international conservancy to preserve and protect humankind's most important archaeological and cultural heritage sites in developing countries. GHF conservation and planned development offers new, long-term economic development opportunities for the countries and their communities.

Timely investments, global network of experts, and advanced Preservation-by-Design methodology work together to create a 'cycle of success' for sites which have high potential for sustainable preservation, tourism and economic development.

The GHF goal is to invest \$20 million over the next decade into forty heritage sites threatened by neglect, destruction, mass tourism, and urban sprawl. So far GHF has fourteen projects for planning, conservation, training and community development.

Global Heritage Fund leads funding, planning and monitoring of critical preservation and restoration projects at sites exclusively in countries which have few resources, experts or the training for conservation and associated community development; these offer one of the most compelling opportunities for national and regional economic growth.

Jeff Morgan will speak about the GHF approach and some of their successes, as well as future plans. This Bay Area venture is having a major impact on saving and restoring priceless locations.



Çatalhöyük, a 9000-year-old town in Turkey

Marine Exploration on Land in Our Backyard

Felicia Nutter
San Francisco



Bob Higgins recommended our speaker, Dr. Felicia Nutter, for which the fortunate attendees were grateful!

Felicia Nutter is an enthusiastic and effervescent advocate for the Marine Mammal Center where she is Staff Veterinarian. Doctoring the sea lions, seals, elephant seals and sea otters that are found along California's beaches is her labor of love. They are brought to her by volunteers of this award-winning facility that is leading the world in providing care for the animals of the sea. Their hospital, undergoing a major building expansion, is based at a former Nike Missile site nestled within the boundaries of the Golden Gate Recreational Area. The site will reopen for visitors in 2009; watch:

www.marinemammalcenter.org

The Center has become recognized far and wide for its medical care and for its marine research

Dr. Nutter began her talk encapsulating several years of service for the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project in the central African preserve that lies along the borders of Rwanda, Uganda, and the Central Republic of the Congo. Here she and her assistants took backpack clinics to the patients: frequently gorillas injured by snares left to catch other animals. The doctor's success was extremely rewarding for to save even one individual sup-

ports the growth of this endangered ape. There are only about 750 known to exist.

She now works with sea mammals claiming as patients they are much the same as their land brethren, except they hold their breath longer, much longer. She is the doctor you would love to have, evidencing great empathy for her patients. Almost two-thirds are released back into the ocean after recovery. A great reward, yet the losses are often very sad: a whale who starves because its belly is filled with sea nets, a curious seal entrapped in plastic pipe, victims of target shooting and ensnarement. Her tales of how to handle sometimes huge animals is often a comedy, yet an effort she undertakes with great sincerity.

An aspect of the MMC is the conduct of medical research with these sea animals: how to treat them, for example. How much antibiotic is injected into a sick 50,000-pound whale—and how? How do their illnesses foreshadow illnesses that can effect humans. She synopsised a toxin that does effect humans which was traced after several seals were found with epileptic episodes. In short, the poison built its way up the food chain. These animals eat the same fish humans eat—but they eat them all the time. Evidence of the same illness is seen in humans, and the study has become a critical link to cause and effect.

The MMC has a staff of forty—supplemented by a very involved volunteer population of 800! If you find a sea animal in distress call 415 289-SEAL! If you want to get involved call the Center.



This humpback whale was lost upstream on the Sacramento River; Dr. Nutter administered healing antibiotics.



Dr. Nutter carrying her medical supplies on the trail in gorilla country; she served there for four years.



Wonders of the Sea: North Central California's Marine Riches is a visual voyage beneath California's near-shore Pacific Ocean. Created by award-winning marine life photographer Marc Shargel, the book is a window onto some of the diverse marine life of California's North Central Coast. His images allow you to embark upon a voyage of imagination, beyond the crash of waves on rocky shores and long arcing beaches, into the world of life beneath the sea. You'll find a rainbow of color and a diversity of forms on a par with the most wondrous biospheres on Earth. It is a world of life so different from what we find on land that it seems like another world. Yet it is a part of California.

Each of the ten areas described in the book is eligible to become a marine protected area this year through California's Marine Life Protection Act. One of the book's goals is to increase public awareness in California of just what lies beyond our shores and the incomplete, ongoing efforts to assure its conservation. The book is part coffee table photo essay, and part environmental treatise, it is spiced with a call to political action and seasoned the author's tales of diving the wild California coast. Marc spoke to us in May 2001.

<http://lumigenic.com/books/>

The ECAD Long Weekend in New York City



The Chapter Chair's Meet

Most of the chairs of the Explorers Club were seated around a horseshoe table in the Clark Room on E. 70th Street; each had at least one other chapter officer present. Robert Whitby (MR96), the 'Chapter' director, presided.

President Bennett (MN02) opened by reading a long letter, received overnight from Peter Hillary (FI87). He wrote of the family's appreciation in receiving condolences from the Club, a confirmation of the importance Sir Edmund felt as a member, a thank you for those who attended the February 29 memorial in New Zealand and an invitation for a Club representative to attend the Queen's honors in April. There was a deep felt sense in the room for the pleasure of the company of this gentle giant and to know that he explicitly wanted his association with the Club to be maintained. An award in his honor is to be established.

Dan Bennett, elected to his third year, then addressed his goals to automate the membership and accounting records, to streamline the staff, to bring publications in house and to focus upon the membership from the bottom-up, from the worldwide members served by the Board. He is in favor of term limits for all committees, chapter officers and for officials of the Club. His view: folks can make their best contribution in three or four years. Changed responsibilities maintain institutional memory

Don Walsh (HON61) described the background behind the Russian 2007 MIR dive that reached the sea's bottom beneath the North Pole. This feat was planned by American EC members; the expedition costs were borne by a Swiss EC member; an EC Flag was carried. Politics stepped in and the dive, an achievement akin to landing upon the moon and Don's own Mariana's dive, became Russian! Capt. Walsh acknowledged it is a fact that cannot be denied the brave trio that descended first. A second MIR that followed did include an American. Too bad the honor was not shared, but the Club does have another acknowledged first, recognized at ECAD, when Dr. Anatoly Sagalevitch (FI98) returned the flag.

Ted Siouris (MR95) promotes the Legacy Society—an endowment for the Club that is protected in perpetuity by New York State laws. Gifts and wills must specify the *Legacy Society*; Ted noted that, had this been started

earlier, most of the expenses of the Club could be covered by the annual proceeds, which can be spent. Alas, it exists now and has a good start; the minimum donation is \$1000. A nice bonus, all who give will be always listed.

Greg Deyermenjian (FN98), the New England Chair, and Bob Whitby discussed plans to establish a grant program for selected flag expeditions. A committee was formed to determine how funds might be raised and the basis for selection. The proceeds of the EC Travel Program currently supports Student Grants, an ongoing program that will be maintained. The consensus: move ahead!

The meeting continued: Paid membership is at 2868. The Canadian Chapter has innovated to form regional sub-chapters; they increased membership from 53 to 179 in five years. The consensus is that *personal contact* is the most effective means of recruitment, by far. There will be a new roster. The Journal is once again produced 'in house.' Its smaller size was brought about by production and mail cost savings as well as environmental concerns; the chairs' support was overwhelming for Editor Schuster. Board minutes are now distributed to each Chapter Chair. The Club's Chart of Accounts has been revised; a financial statement will be published member wide. It was agreed that guidelines are needed to clarify use of the Club logo. We have an ombudsman (Brian Hansen, MED84) should any member wish to avail themselves.

There was active participation by the Chairs; most felt empowered as we move forward. We adjourned knowing more and knowing each other—pleased to be part of this rather unusual all-volunteer club.

—Lee Langan (FN99)

The Annual Dinner

I have frequently attended the Explorers Club Annual Dinner (ECAD) events since '78. This was one of the best.

The magnificent Waldorf Ballroom was packed Saturday with elegant Explorers facing a giant screened surf breaking behind the head table. *Planet Ocean* was introduced by Dan Bennett and Sylvia Earl, followed by some amazing photographic presentations.

Beside Jim Fowler's free-roaming birds and alligators, the highlight of the evening was our Chapter member Graham Hawkes presenting

the William Beebe Award to the MIR Team that carried the Explorers Flag on the manned descent 13,980 feet under the Geographic North Pole. It took nearly three hours to reach the seabed, which was explored for a couple of hours before the three-hour journey back. Interesting note: *terra firma* at the North Pole is at a greater depth than below the ice at the South Pole.

Fred McLaren made sure it was known that the Russian dive which has become the basis of a claim to nearly half the Arctic seabed had American origins. He is also a fervent believer that the current International Third Law of the Sea preserves the deep-sea bed, including that of the Arctic Ocean, as the common heritage of all humankind.

—Mort Beebe (FN78)

And Much More

The Explorers Club's own *March Madness* lived up to its reputation as a high point in the Club every year. The meeting of chairmen was well attended. You would have been impressed with your chairman as I was. He spoke seldom but was listened to intently by the other chairman and the club officers especially as to the Journal and Chapter relations with the headquarters.

As usual the receptions and events at the headquarters were especially interesting. Everyone you talk to has an interesting story and most are promoting their next expedition. The final tea on the sixth floor (see photo above)—the Trophy Room—was well done, the numbers much smaller, and everyone relaxed because it was all over. They added a book signing opportunity for explorer authors in the Map Room—a good first that members should use who are published the prior year.

Politically it was less exciting than everyone anticipated. Some angry letters were circulating beforehand. A few tough questions at the Chairmen's and member's meetings. The program was more informational than participatory, intentionally.

I like our Club President and came away convinced we're in good hands with many new changes and an acceptance of an increased role of the Chapters, like us, out "in the provinces."

—Alan Nichols (MN84)

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Jeff Morgan — Global Heritage Fund
23 April — GGYC, San Francisco

Make housing plans for Monterey!

**Northern California
2007-2008 Calendar of Events**
(Venues will be identified at time of event.)

Our next Meeting
April 23 (Wednesday) Jeff Morgan
Global Heritage Fund New Sites GGYC

Future Meeting Schedule
May 30-Jun 1 Hicks home; Monterey Peninsula
June 25 (tentative date) San Francisco
A tribute to Marta Walsh at 100.
September (date tba) Art Ford
Tourism in Antarctica Woodside
October 24 (Friday) in planning GGYC
November 21(Friday) Leela Hutchinson
Giant Selenite Crystals Dana home, Tiburon

Meetings earlier the season

September 23 Rick Blake
Meteorite Collision near Sacramento
Gene & Sibyl Boudreau Home, Sebastopol
October 19. Brian Fisher
Save an Ant; Save a Planet; Madagascar
Golden Gate Yacht Club, San Francisco
November 8 Laurence Bergreen
Marco Polo
Golden Gate Yacht Club, San Francisco
December 9 Lee & Karine Langan
A gathering of Explorers
Langan home, San Francisco
January 26 Vince Backen
OR/V White Holly, SF Bay Model, Sausalito
February 22 Lawrence Lansburgh
David & Goliath in the Amazon, the Achuar
Golden Gate Yacht Club, San Francisco
April 4 Felicia Nutter
The Marine Mammal Center GGYC

April LOCATION

Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2008
Place: Golden Gate Yacht Club,
San Francisco, CA
Time: 6:30 - reception
7:15 - dinner; 8:15 talk
Cost: \$60 members and guests

Reserve ___ spaces for **April 23, 2008** at
GGYC
San Francisco, CA
Cost \$60 each.
Prospective members are welcome.
Annual Dues payable @\$25

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