

The Harvard Travellers Club

In 1902, thirty Harvard-affiliated men gathered at the Harvard Union in Cambridge to consider the formation of a Harvard Travellers Club dedicated to promoting intelligent travel and exploration. In the almost 120 years since then, its members have met regularly throughout the academic year to discuss the exploration of the far corners of the globe, and share tales of adventure, discovery, and knowledge.

As a member of the Harvard Travellers Club, you already know the value of “intelligent travel and exploration.” This year, as we celebrate the 120th anniversary of our Club, become a part of tomorrow’s discoveries with your donation to the Permanent Fund \$25,000 Matching Donations Challenge.

HOW TO DONATE

To minimize administrative costs, the Permanent Fund and the Harvard Travellers Club do not accept credit card payments.

Please use the enclosed envelope to mail your donation today, or mail the check to:

Michael Greene, Treasurer
Harvard Travellers Club
19 Arlington Street, No. 33
Boston, MA 02116-3420

Checks should be made out to the Harvard Travellers Club Permanent Fund.

Gifts to the Permanent Fund of the Harvard Travellers Club are tax deductible.

Visit us at www.travellersfund.org



THE PERMANENT FUND \$25,000 MATCHING DONATIONS CHALLENGE

The Permanent Fund is pleased to announce that a generous member has donated \$25,000 to the Fund for use in securing matching donations from Harvard Travellers Club members. This extraordinary gift will allow us to provide larger, more meaningful assistance to deserving projects.

The Club’s Permanent Fund was established in 1937 to further fulfill the Harvard Travellers Club mission by helping to fund explorers, scientists, and academics who contribute to humanity’s understanding of our cultural and natural world and its diverse inhabitants.

There has never been a better time to contribute and become part of your Club’s continuing legacy:

- Donations made during 2021 will be matched dollar for dollar until the \$25,000 amount is met.
- This past year, because of the pandemic, the Club waived our annual dues but continued its excellent programming unabated. What better way to express your appreciation for the programs you have enjoyed than by making a gift to the Permanent Fund?
- 100% of Council members and Fund Trustees have supported the Permanent Fund this year.
- Your gift of \$100, \$500, \$1000, or any amount, will help us reach our Match Goal.

Please join us in supporting the Permanent Fund.

This year the Fund has awarded a grant to Trevor Wallace, Vice-President for Research & Education at the Explorers' Club. His work will identify, protect, and document threatened Polihale sacred burial grounds on the west side of Kauai in Hawaii. Trevor will also work with a local non-profit created by lineal descendants of the buried ancestors to create an oral history and knowledge of Polihale and develop a better understanding of this now-vanished culture.



Susan Eaton, geoscientist, journalist and explorer. A Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, she led the all-female Sedna Epic Expedition, a multi-year underwater project involving the study of climate change in the High Arctic. Susan and her crew presented to the Club in 2018.



Hannah Rempel, graduate student. Some Caribbean islands are trying to increase parrotfish commercial fisheries. By grazing algae, parrotfish help protect coral reefs; but some species are coral predators and can have a negative impact. Hannah's 2019 research examined the net effect of parrotfish on coral reefs.



Previous grant recipients have included:

Tim Laman, ornithologist and photographer. In 2012, Tim spoke to the Club regarding his groundbreaking research on Birds of Paradise in Papua New Guinea. A world-famous photographer, Tim continues to document rare bird species around the world.



Tony Deary, UN Financial Advisor and kayaker. Stationed in Laos, Tony learned of plans to dam rivers upstream in China. He undertook a project to document the potential impact on traditional tribal life on an historically significant tributary river of the Mekong. Tony spoke to the Club in 2014.



Other grants have included:

- Study of Uighur culture and history on the Chinese Silk Road in Xinjiang Province.
- Study of religious singing at the Golden Temple of Amritsar in Punjab
- Archeo-astronomical study of Ionic temples in Greece and Turkey.
- Support of a 1000-mile camel journey across the eastern Sahara, from the Sudan to Cairo.
- Research on aggressive behavior among chimpanzees in Uganda.
- Archaeological exploration near the site of ancient Carthage in Tunisia.
- Study of primate and hominid fossils in Great Britain, Ethiopia, Kenya, and South Africa.
- Geological research at a Triassic basin in west central Argentina.



May 10, 2021

Dear Rob,

What a year this has been! As we've masked and sequestered, scrubbed and disinfected, and kept ourselves from the people and activities we love, we've at least been able to enjoy a full year of engaging online presentations from the Harvard Travellers Club. We have travelled to the desert sands of Oman, to the wilds of Siberia, to dusty bike routes in Africa, to mountain peaks far and near, and to the Arctic (twice!), all from the comfort of our living rooms. And now, as vaccinations proceed apace, we can begin to contemplate resuming our own travels, even just down the block.

The Harvard Travellers Club was founded to promote "intelligent travel and exploration", which it has been doing continually since 1902. The monthly meetings—including those during this most unusual year—have consistently highlighted and celebrated the adventures of contemporary travelers, bringing joy and wonder to our members. However, there is much more to our story!

The Permanent Fund of the Harvard Travellers Club, a foundation established in 1937, funds scientific and educational purposes "connected with the purposes for which the Club is organized". From a corpus of approximately \$350,000, the Fund makes annual grants to proposals that involve original research or exploration. Successful proposals usually involve adventuresome and out-of-the-ordinary travel. Enclosed in this mailing is a brochure describing just a few of the projects funded in recent years. In many cases, the projects would not have happened without the Permanent Fund's support. But the Fund's ability to assist some worthwhile projects has been compromised by its limited endowment.

We are pleased to announce that a generous donor has offered a \$25,000 match challenge, where all funds raised up to \$25,000 will be matched dollar for dollar. Growing the endowment by \$50,000 will have a significant effect on the quality and quantity of grants the Fund can award.

The Club's Council and the Fund's Trustees have made a commitment to support this challenge through 100% participation of its members. In this year when you have received excellent programming from the Club, with the dues waived and without the monthly expense of in-person meetings, we hope you will consider making a generous gift to the Permanent Fund. Your gift of \$100, \$1000, or any amount you can afford will help ensure that the Club's commitment to "intelligent travel and exploration" will continue in perpetuity.

This is a chance to make discovery and exploration a part of *your* personal legacy. We hope you will join us in making a contribution to the Harvard Travellers Club Permanent Fund.

With Gratitude,

Your Permanent Fund Trustees:

Jack Deary

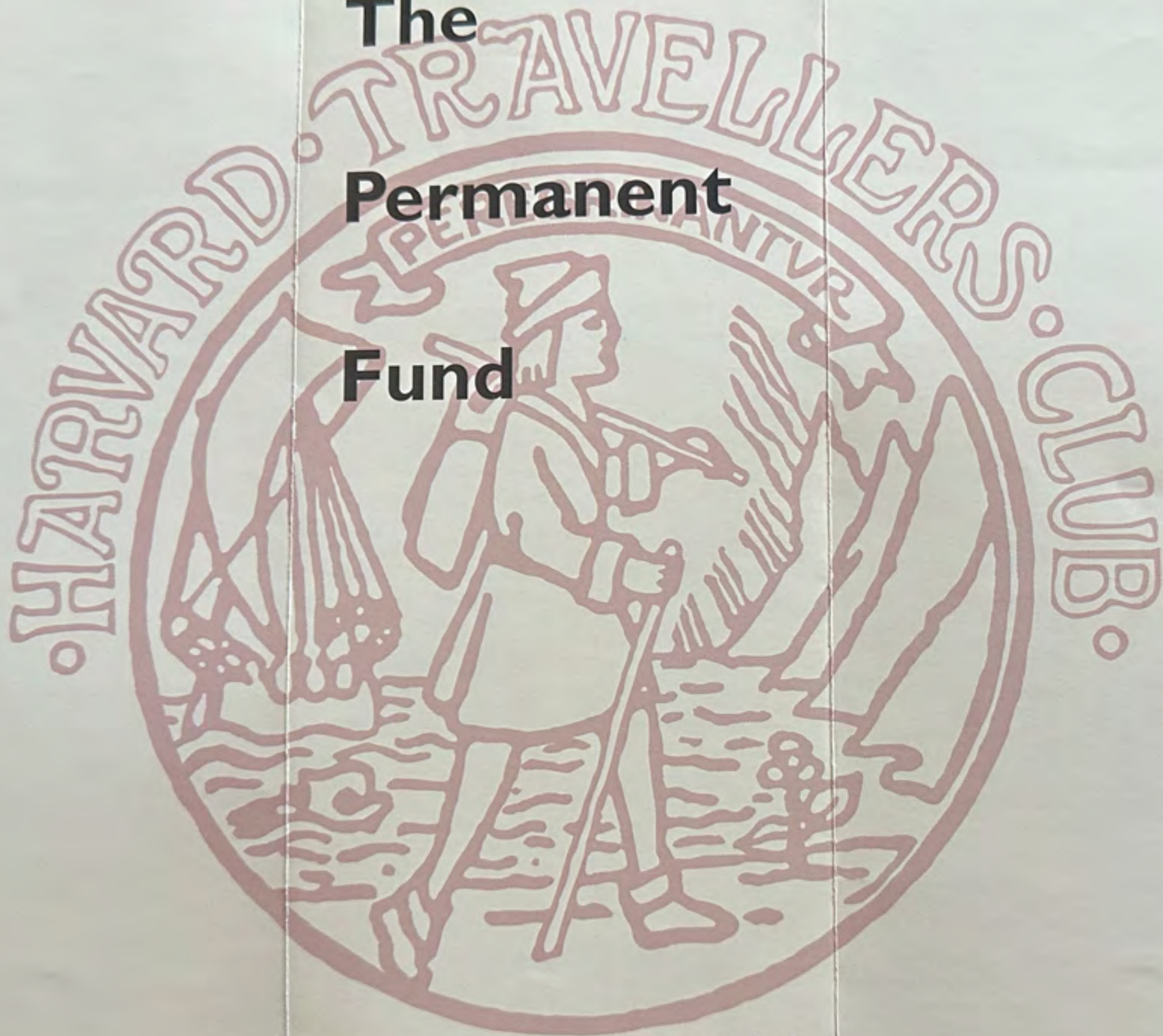
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Harvard Travellers Club

Since 1937 the PERMANENT FUND has been the Harvard Travellers Club's primary means of supporting and encouraging worthy travel-related research and exploration. Each year, in the best tradition of supporting "intelligent travel", the FUND has provided modest stipends (typically up to \$1000) to 2 or 3 dedicated and adventurous researchers. Successful proposals usually involve out-of-the-ordinary travel to unusual places and under difficult circumstances. The FUND's support goes beyond just the monetary value of the stipend. The prestige of Harvard Travellers Club sponsorship helps researchers raise additional funds, and can open doors in difficult travel situations.

The total value of awards each year is based on the income earned from the PERMANENT FUND's assets. Unfortunately, the FUND's ability to provide awards has been diminished in recent years due to low interest rates. As a remedy the FUND is looking to substantially increase its assets through increased member donations. Members and friends of the HTC are, therefore, encouraged to support the PERMANENT FUND.

As a start, we encourage you to allocate \$10 of your annual dues to the PERMANENT FUND, as provided on your annual dues statement. We further encourage you to consider an additional contribution, however large or small. You can simply include your additional gift with your annual dues payment, and indicate that it is for the FUND. Alternatively, a check, made out to the Harvard Travellers Club PERMANENT FUND may be sent to the Club's Secretary-Treasurer, Kenneth J. Bures, 18 Washington Square, Marblehead, MA 01945.

Members may also want to consider a bequest, or a gift of securities or saleable property. All such gifts are welcome and encouraged. Any donation to the PERMANENT FUND is, of course, fully tax deductible as a charitable gift.



Recent Grants

- Investigation of a unique group of microbes found in alpine snow in Peru, collectively called "snow algae". To Brian Duval, who recently obtained a M.S. degree in Microbiology from the University of Massachusetts. \$1000 in 2003.
- Research in Ecuador on the relationship between the social and antisocial behavior of spiders and their environment. To Kimberly S. Powers, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Arizona. \$1000 in 2002 and again in 2003.
- Travel to England to measure infant chimpanzee skulls. To Jessica Hunt, a graduate student at Yale working on a Doctorate in Physical Anthropology. This trip completes her Ph.D. research in human evolution. \$979 in 2003.
- Archeo-astronomical study of Ionic temples in Greece and Turkey, specifically relating temple alignments to solar, lunar, and stellar orientations. To Erin Ann Nell, a Ph.D. candidate in Classical and Eastern Mediterranean Archeology at the University of Arizona. \$1000 in 2002.
- A study of ways to improve how American students who travel abroad are perceived. To Miriam Shoshana Sobre, who is working on a M.S. degree in the Department of Communication Studies at the University of Texas in Austin. Ms. Sobre traveled to Edinburgh, Amsterdam, Prague, and Barcelona. \$1275 in 2001.

- Investigation of young adults in China, relating to their perception of the relationship between self and society, given the decline of Communist authority and state enterprises, high rural unemployment, and the influx of Western culture. To Ms. Nan Ding, a Junior at Harvard College majoring in East Asian Studies. \$2230 in 2001.

- Geological research in the Triassic Basin located in west-central Argentina, addressing the distinction between climatically and tectonically produced erosion surfaces. To Todd Shipman, a Ph.D. candidate in Geology at the University of Arizona. \$900 in 2000.

- Exploring in the Kingdom of Mustang. To Don Gurewitz, a Boston area photographer who subsequently gave the Club a slide presentation of his journey. \$1000 in 2000.

- Investigation of the impact of logging and gold mining on fishing communities in the rain forests of Guyana. To Teresa C. Bergquist, a doctoral student at the University of Missouri in the field of Tropical Aquatic Biology. \$1000 in 2000.

- Research in the Kruger National Park in South Africa classifying land cover and mapping wildlife habitat using remote sensing devices. To Stuart A. Black, a doctoral candidate at the University of Arizona in the Arid Land Studies program. \$500 in 1999.

- Research in the Kibale National Park in Uganda to determine if aggressive behaviour in chimpanzees can be correlated with the amount of certain hormones. To Christopher S. Weaver, a Junior at the University of Georgia studying for a BS in Biology and Anthropology. \$1000 in 1999.

- Study in the Galapagos Islands of correlations between the mating success of Lekking Marine Iguanas and the siblicidal behavior of Blue-Footed Boobies versus levels of stable isotopes, derived from food sources, in their blood samples. To Dustin Rubenstein, a Senior at Dartmouth College majoring in Environmental and Evolutionary Biology. \$1000 in 1999.



Harvard Travellers Club Permanent Fund

- *Supporting 'intelligent' travel through travel-related research and exploration since 1937.*
- *Providing grants up to \$4,000.*
- *Basing the size and number of grants on the income earned from Permanent Fund assets.*
- *Leveraging the prestige of the Harvard Travellers Club name to further assist researchers, explorers and adventurers.*



Please consider making a donation to support these efforts—more details on the back.

PLEASE consider including a tax-deductible donation to the PERMANENT FUND when you pay your annual dues

Alternatively, send a check at any time, made out to the Harvard Travellers Club PERMANENT FUND, to the Club's Treasurer, Michael Greene, 19 Arlington Street, # 33, Boston, MA 02116.

In the last decade, donations to the PERMANENT FUND have helped fund worthy research and exploration, including those topics listed below (for more details see www.travellersfund.org). This support is made possible by donations from members and friends of the Harvard Travellers Club.

- *Research in India to study Tibetan Buddhism and its transition to Western culture.*
- *Study of Uighur culture and history on the Chinese Silk Road in Xinjiang Province.*
- *Research in Ecuador on the relationship between social and antisocial behavior of spiders and their environment.*
- *Travel to Pakistan to study religious singing at the Golden Temple of Amritsar in Punjab.*
- *Archeo-astronomical study of Ionic temples in Greece and Turkey.*
- *Research in Panama, Belize, and Jamaica to characterize ecological conditions of a genus of marine shrimps.*

Harvard Travellers Club Permanent Fund

- Supporting “intelligent travel” through travel-related research and exploration since 1937
- Providing grants of up to \$3,000
- Basing the size and number of grants on the income earned from Permanent Fund assets
- Leveraging the prestige of the Harvard Travellers Club name to further assist researchers, explorers, and adventurers in fund-raising and other efforts



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Wildebeest in East Africa (\$500, Dr Richard D. Estes)

- Study of corals in Indonesia to determine if they can reveal any periodicity to major El Nino events (\$400, Michael Moore)
- Study of the possible correlation of climatic data with the advance and regression of glaciers in Iceland (\$350, Thomas Black)
- Support for a 1,000 mile camel journey across the eastern Sahara from The Sudan to Cairo (\$250, David Melody)

Members and friends of the Harvard Travellers Club are encouraged to support the Permanent Fund. Checks made out to the **Harvard Travellers Club: Permanent Fund** may be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer (Mr Robert Owen Boardman, 163 Cottage Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. Tel: 508-993-3048). Bequests and the gift of securities and salable property are welcomed as well. All such donations are tax deductible as charitable gifts.

Additional information on the Permanent Fund, including the application procedure for grants, may be obtained from Mr George P. Bates, Trustee, Permanent Fund, P. O. Box H, Canton, MA 02021 (Tel: 617-821-0400).

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Fall 1990

THE PERMANENT FUND of the Harvard Travellers Club is a private foundation that was established in 1937 "to foster research and/or exploration which involves travel." It operates as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization meaning that contributions made to the Fund are tax deductible.

The affairs of the Fund are overseen by three Trustees, all members of the Club. Presently, these are Kenneth A. Henderson, Peter Fiscoeder and George P. Bates.

The assets of the Fund totalled \$17,856 at the end of April, 1990. An effort has been made in the last year or two to increase the size of the Fund. In the most recent fiscal year, for instance, over \$3,500 was donated to the Fund by Club members. It is the goal of the Council to see the assets of the Fund raised to \$25,000 by January 1991, the date of the Club's 650th meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Typically, two to four grants are made each year to non-profit organizations or to individuals. Altogether, approximately \$1,000 is granted annually. Applications for funding are made to the Trustees, who recommend awards to the Club Council for approval. Successful proposals usually will involve adventuresome and out-of-the-ordinary travel to unusual places under difficult circumstances. Individual rather than group

travel is preferred and consideration is given to financial need. Purpose is important as well: the Trustees and Council seek proposals that involve original research or exploration.

In recent years grants have been awarded for the following purposes:

- Medical research on Mount Everest (\$300, Dr Michael Wiedman)
- Study of the tea industry in Sri Lanka (\$300, Patrick Mendis)
- Study of the natural function of upper limbs in walking among the Machiguenga Indians of Central Peru. (\$300, David Webb)
- Archaeological exploration of Gebel Barkal in The Sudan (\$300, Dr Timothy Kendall)
- Study of the fruiting seasonality of rain forest trees and the responses of the birds and mammals to their fluctuations in food availability in Borneo (\$350, Timothy Laman)
- Study of Pangolins in China (\$500, Numi Goodyear)
- Research in tropical forest ecology and conservation and their relationship to development issues in Costa Rica (\$350, Kim McCarty)
- Canoe exploration of Canada's Back River (\$500, Robert Perkins)
- Elephant research in Kenya (\$300, Cynthia Ryan)
- Research concerning deforestation caused by



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To:

The Officers and Councillors of the Harvard Travellers Club and the Trustees of the Permanent Fund are deeply grateful for your generous gift of \$_____ to the Permanent Fund of the Harvard Travellers Club Trust during the calendar year 2011. Since no goods or services were provided to you in connection with this gift, the full amount is deductible for United States Federal Income Tax purposes in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code.

Kenneth J. Bures, *Secretary/Treasurer*

This notice provides substantiation of your gift and serves as a disclosure statement as required and defined under Sections 6701 and 6115 of the Internal Revenue Code.