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The Menu*

Wendy B. Wenckebach

Poached oysters en casserole with truffle beurre blanc and bourbon
and honey cider leeks with cracked black pepper and fleuron

Harvard Club lobster bisque finished with lobster meat and brandy

Roast half Long Island duckling a l'orange
Fennel and basil slaw

Saratoga chips with toasted pecans and cranberries

Fresh asparagus with hollandaise sauce

Broiled tomato with butternut puree

Boston lettuce, endive and radicchio with red grapefruit segments
and yellow pear tomatoes and Zinfandel vinaigrette

Frozen lemon souffle "Shackleton" with fresh blueberries and
Grand Marnier sauce

Assorted rollbaskets

Coffee and tea

The Wines

Segura Viudas Champagne

Domaine St. George Chardonnay

Domaine St. George Cabernet Sauvignon

* This historical menu is a replication of the dinner served in December 1911 when President Theodore Roosevelt spoke to the Club. The menu was served also at the Club's 600th meeting in November, 1984, and again at the 90th Anniversary meeting in November, 1992.

Harvard Travellers Club

Centennial Celebration Dinner

The Harvard Club of Boston
Harvard Hall

Friday, November 15, 2002

Cocktails at 6 p.m.

Dinner at 7 p.m.

Model on Bars

Program

Welcoming Remarks by Louis A. Sgarzi, President, Harvard
Travellers Club

KEN BONES
toast

Liz Brown

Dinner

Recognition of Distinguished Club Members

Recognition of Special Guests

Presentations and Acknowledgements

Keynote Speech by Jonathan Shackleton, descendant of Sir Ernest
Shackleton and family historian (please see the separate notice):

**Shackleton Returns! The Antarctic, Ireland, the Shackletons
and One Hundred Years of the Harvard Travellers Club**

Adjournment and Commemorative Gifts for Club Members

Diane Wenckebach

Harvard Travellers Club Council

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Joseph Nahates
Senecal

Robert H. Bates

Jan Bates

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Jan Bates

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Bud Walker
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Janet Swanson

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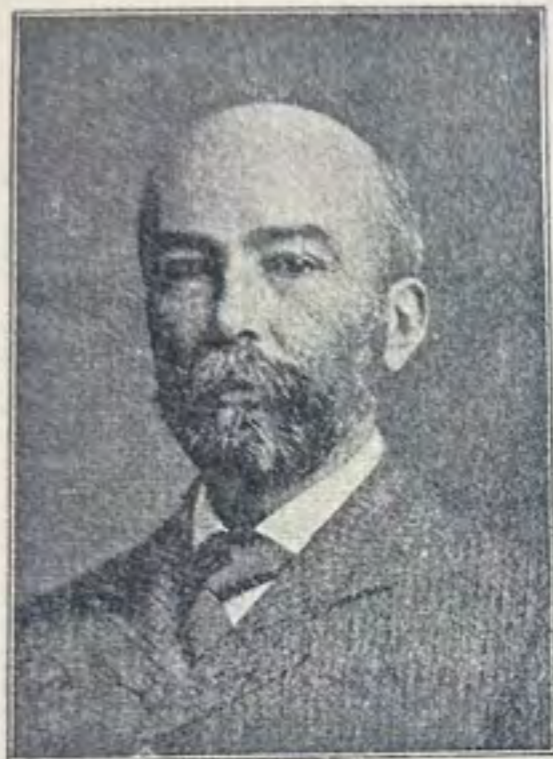
Tom Engelme

Barbara Walker

Michael Shackleton

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Car Shiller



Professor William Morris Davis



The Harvard Union, now the Barker Center. Where the first Club meeting was held.

November 15, 1902 100th Anniversary November 15, 2002

DEAR SIR:

You are cordially invited to attend a meeting in the Assembly room, Harvard Union (2nd floor), Cambridge, at 8 P. M., Saturday, November 15, 1902, to consider the formation of a

HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB.

With the object of promoting intelligent travel and exploration, especially by Harvard men.

Mr. Jas. H. Kidder will speak on his travels in Alaska, with lantern illustrations.

Mr. Copley Amory will give his impressions from a short visit to Cuba.

Prof. W. M. Davis will outline a plan for the conduct of the proposed club.

We should be glad to receive from you the names and addresses of Harvard men who have travelled in the more distant parts of the world, and who might be interested in the club.

If you can attend the meeting, please send word not later than Nov. 12, to Dr. R. B. Dixon, Peabody Museum, Cambridge.

W. M. DAVIS.
A. C. COOLIDGE.
COPLEY AMORY.
JAS. H. KIDDER.
R. B. DIXON.

CAMBRIDGE, Nov. 1, 1902.

THE FOUNDERS

THE INVITATION on the previous page is the first document in the first of several Club scrapbooks. Those registering at this inaugural meeting included professors at the college, graduates and undergraduates, and alumni, in all thirty, as follows:

	Years of Membership
George Hall Burnett	1902-03
Austin Hobart Clark (<i>First to sign-in at First Meeting</i>)	1902-03
William Morris Davis (<i>First President</i>)	1902-34
Roland Burrage Dixon	1902-34
Gordon Donald	1902-22
Delafield Dubois	1902-07
George Hayes Field	1902-03
Alexis Everett Frye	1902-36
William Hargadine Glasgow	1902-03
James Walter Goldthwait	1902-31
George Byron Gordon	1902-27
Charles Lewis Harding	1902-09
Ernest Howe	1902-32
Thomas Augustus Jaggar, Jr.	1902-53
Harris Kennedy	1902-51
Sinclair Kennedy	1902-47
James Hathaway Kidder (<i>First Speaker</i>)	1902-03
Samuel Watts Lewis	1902-57
Leonard Metcalf	1902-07
John Charles Phillips (<i>First Secretary</i>)	1902-38
Frederick Ward Putnam	1902-15
George Sharp Raymer	1902-29
Motte Alston Read	1902-20
Abbott Lawrence Rotch	1902-12
Rollin S. Saltus	1902-34
Herbert Weir Smyth	1902-37
Raymond Eugene Streit	1902-03
Fritz Bradley Talbot (<i>Last surviving Charter Member</i>)	1902-64
Russell Tyson	1902-63
Robert Walcott	1902-56



Page 1 of the First Meeting sign-in book.



The Minutes of the First Meeting.

WILLIAM MORRIS DAVIS

"The history of any successful enterprise commonly centers about some great personality whose vision and courage give the initial impetus and whose inspiration helps to maintain the momentum. To the enthusiasm and zeal of its first president, Professor William Morris Davis, the Club owes much of its early success. A mere perusal of his scrap book kept during these years suffices to show the unremitting effort he put forth in its behalf—letters to well-known explorers and travellers inviting them to address our meetings, many more in the shape of replies to invitations he sent out to personal friends before each meeting, cordially asking their presence or as his guests at dinner to meet the speakers and hear the lectures. By this constructive method he interested many of his close acquaintances who later became staunch members of the Club. He aimed high that a standard might be set at the beginning which should place the meetings of the Club above the level of mediocrity."

—From the *History of the Harvard Travellers Club*, 1933



SHACKLETON RETURNS! THE ANTARCTIC, IRELAND, THE SHACKLETONS AND ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF THE HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB

Jonathan Shackleton is a writer, historian, naturalist, book collector and Antarctic traveller. He lives in the beautiful countryside at Mullagh in County Cavan where he is involved with his wife, Daphne, in organic farming and forestry. Their gardens at Lakeview House are well-known and open to the public. He received a masters degree in Arctic Ecology from Ohio State University. Like his famous forbears—Sir Ernest and Edward Shackleton—Jonathan has been to the Antarctic on several occasions. His particular interest, the subject of his forthcoming book, *Shackleton: an Irishman in Antarctica*, is the Shackleton family in Ireland, the branch which gave us the great explorer and his son, both who honored our Club by their appearance as speakers.

- Sir Ernest spoke at a special meeting in Cambridge on March 31, 1910. A Boston newspaper reported the event: "Sir Ernest spoke yesterday afternoon before an enthusiastic audience of Harvard students at the Harvard Union. The Travellers' Club of the university gave him a luncheon before the address. About 80 attended including Prof. W.M. Davis, toastmaster; President Lowell, J.D. Greene, secretary of the corporation, and Joseph Warren."
- Edward Shackleton, later Lord Shackleton, spoke at our 252nd meeting on December 6, 1937. The Club minute book records the evening thusly: "We were fortunate in having as our guest and speaker, Mr. Edward Shackleton, son of the famous Antarctic explorer, the late Sir Ernest Shackleton. He told us of the Oxford University Ellesmere Land Expedition in 1935-36. His pictures, colored and black and white, movies and stills, were excellent, and his accompanying talk first class, alive and real in contrast to the rather cold, drab picture which a lecturer on this part of the world often presents to an audience."

Jonathan will carry on the family tradition by speaking to us at our 100th Anniversary meeting. His illustrated talk will touch on his experiences in the Antarctic, the Shackleton family particularly its history in Ireland, the Travellers Club appearances of his ancestors and some observations on how travel and exploration, particularly the polar variety, have changed over the hundred year history of the Club.



Hoosh

Brimmer Street Wardroom
November 14, 2002



Coquilles Saint-Shack
Dill Krill
Huntley & Palmer Biscuits



Wild Irish Salmon á la Daphne



Breast of Emperor Penguin á la Jonathan



Sledging Mix of Fruits, Nuts & Cheese

1999 Chardonnay, Bernadus
2000 Pinot Noir, Clos du Bois

Vintage Character RRS Discovery Port

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Staples*



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HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB

REPORT OF THE CENTENNIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

March 14, 2000

Dear Friends of the Council,

The Centennial Planning Committee has completed its work and offers the following ideas for the Council's consideration:

I. The 2002 Program: The Committee recommends a centennial year program of eight talks, starting January 2002 and concluding December 2002, offering both prospective and retrospective topics that address interests and experience of Club members past and present. For example, mountaineering and exploration achievements on the retrospective side; space exploration and brain physiology/function on the prospective side. Specific ideas accompany this summary. Members of the Committee would be happy to help identify and approach possible speakers at the request of the Council.

II. Centennial Commemorations: The Committee recommends three commemorative items honoring the Club's centennial year:

1) **A New Year Book:** The last Year Book was produced in 1995. Rob Stephenson has again offered to take responsibility for this project.

2) **A Centennial Club History:** We think it timely to bring out a new Club history of approximately 24 pages containing all speakers/topics, Club members, officers, and honorees during the Club's first 100 years, along with selected reminiscences, photographs, and other memorabilia of interest. Rob

- e) inviting the President of Harvard and other special guests (i.e. representatives of the Women's Travel Club, The Explorers Club, Appalachian Mountain Club, etc.) and their recognition at the dinner.
- f) awarding the Club medal to a deserving member (if the Council determines that such a person exists)
- g) recognizing 50 year members and Club medalists in attendance, and possibly past Presidents as well
- h) providing each person in attendance with a centennial plate, the Club history and Year Book

IV. The Permanent Fund: Finally, the Committee recommends that the centennial year be used to strengthen the Club's Permanent Fund, which at present stands at \$48,832. We think a centennial target for contributions and bequest pledges to produce a new total of \$100,000 would be ambitious but reasonable, and we ask the Council to consider appointing a special committee, perhaps headed by Brad Washburn, to lead a fundraising effort to this end.

Respectfully submitted,

The Centennial Planning Committee:

John O. Field, Chair

Mary Blue Magruder

Bryant R. Page

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Stephenson has offered to take on this responsibility as well, building on what he did when The Explorers Club honored Shackleton's Trans-Antarctic Expedition or 1914-16. If the Council so desires, Rob can provide a cost estimate for such a history, which we envision would be given to all attending the Centennial Dinner in November 2002, with additional copies being available on request (for a charge?).

3) A Commemorative Plate: The Committee has considered several commemorative items (tile, paperweight, medallion, etc.). We believe the preferred commemoration for the Club's centennial would be a plate containing the Club logo and the centennial years. John Field has begun looking into various designs and options; and if the Council wishes, he would be happy to see this project through to completion. The unit cost for such a plate is likely to be about \$20. The Committee envisions providing a plate to each person attending the Centennial Dinner in November 2002 and charging for it in the cost of the dinner, with additional plates being available to Club members on request for perhaps a slightly higher charge (mailing costs, etc.).

III. The Centennial Dinner: This should be a memorable affair, like the 600th dinner only more so. The Committee recommends the following to the Council:

- a) a special dinner menu, including wine
- b) a distinguished speaker on a topic of special interest
- c) a banquet photograph that members can request (and pay for); Bryant Page can help with this.
- d) optional black tie

John Stanbury


6 March 2000

Dear John:

One person to consider for one of the 100th speakers is Dr. Peter Black. He is chief of neurosurgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital and of Children's. He is an excellent speaker and could speak on exploring the brain, a novel voyage of discovery for The Travelers. He has beautiful slides. He also would probably bring in some information about bird navigation.

Yours,

John.



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Centennial Lecture Series/ for Consideration

My thought was to plan an entire year's series around both the past and the future of travel and exploration...

First, pick some of the outstanding speakers from our past 100 years, and invite experts on their legacy, or those who've followed in their footsteps

more recently, to speak...I need Rob for the list of all the past speakers..but would want to pick ones from the different disciplines...sailing, mountaineering, natural history, etc.

Examples...

If Mallory ever spoke to us, have either David Roberts or David Brashears, (two competing books, alas) or Conrad Anker, speak on the Mallory expedition.

Ask Dr. Michael Novacek of the American Museum of Natural History to speak about his retracing of the steps of Roy Chapman Andrews on his dinosaur/natural history explorations in Mongolia.

Invite primatologist Dr. Richard Wrangham of Harvard to speak on our late member Dr. Harold Coolidge's legacy..his expeditions into Africa and Borneo, discovery of the pigmy chimp, etc.

Find an expert on Peru/Hiram Bingham to speak about the discovery of Macchu and what we've learned since. I know that Ed Ranney has the photographs of Martin Chambi, the now famous Peruvian photographer who accompanied Bingham there..and took the first photographs of the site...

For sailing...need more on who've we've had speak..but imagine getting author/sailor Tim Severin to speak on the Brendan Voyage..or someone who could speak on the legacy of Thor Heyderdahl in the light of what we now know about 30,000 year old settlements in Chile, would be fascinating.

For the future, I imagined three top speakers on "the new frontiers" ..

Bob Ballard, or Sylvia Earle, other others...on exploring the ocean depths, and what little we know..

Dr. Margaret Lowman, author of "Life in the Treetops: the Ups and Downs of Canopy Research" and one of the 'stars' of the National Geographic's TV special "Pioneers of the High Frontier", on forest canopy research.

And a space person/astronomer..seeing into the distant past...

10. Club Medalists:

**Bob Bates Brad Washburn
Charlie Houston & Norman Vaughan**

These men epitomize all that the Harvard Travellers' Club stands for. As you have seen, they are both 50 year members, and during that time, they have brought great notoriety and recognition to the Club. But even more importantly, they have raised the bar for us – they have set extraordinarily high standards to which we all must aspire.

They are both pioneers in mountaineering, having made many first ascents and having established many new routes in their lofty pursuits, both in this country and elsewhere in the world. Their fame and influence extends beyond just mountaineering, though, as they have achieved enormous success in their various fields of endeavor.

We have been privileged to have both speak to the Club on numerous occasions. In fact, Brad has spoken to us more than any other person – 14 times in all. But for all of their successes, I think that both of them would say that they are most proud of the relationships and friendships that they have forged throughout the world, as well as their influence in helping to make the world a better place.

Bob's Citation: Mountaineer, Explorer, Educator

Brad's Citation: Mountaineer, Photographer, Leader for Science

Please welcome and acknowledge Club Medalists

Bob and Gail Bates and

Brad and Barbara Washburn

Summary of the 744th HTC Meeting

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At the conclusion of the dinner, President Sgarzi again took to the podium and recognized a number of groups in attendance at this event, including the current Council¹, six past Presidents², six former Secretary-Treasurers³, the Permanent Fund Trustees⁴, the Centennial Advisory Committee⁵, five 50-year members⁶, and two Club Medalists.⁷

President Sgarzi also introduced a number of distinguished guests who conveyed their congratulations to the Club. Gaby Whitehouse (also a HTC member) gave her greetings on behalf of the Women's Travel Club. She also gave a short and interesting history of that club, which is intimately associated with the history of the HTC itself. Greg Deyermenjian, Chairman of the New England Chapter of the Explorers' Club (and also a HTC member) and Ms Laurie Burt, President of the Appalachian Mountain Club, also conveyed their greetings and congratulations. Lawrence H. Summers, President of Harvard University, conveyed a similar message on behalf of Harvard University in a letter that was read by President Sgarzi.

President Sgarzi then put forward the idea that the Club should have a form of tangible recognition for service to the Club. He proposed an amendment to the Standing Rules in the form of a motion "That the Council may from time to time as deemed advisable select a Club member to be the recipient of the Harrison E. Kennard Award⁸ for Distinguished and Meritorious Service to the Harvard Travellers Club". The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation. Whereupon President Sgarzi introduced John Field to talk more about the Award, and to make the inaugural presentation.

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⁸ Dr. Harrison E. "Hap" Kennard was a surgeon from Newton who was a member of the Club from 1926 until his death in 1982. He served as Club Vice-President from 1947 to 1952, and again in 1960-61, and was President from 1952 to 1954. But he is best remembered as the Club's Secretary-Treasurer from 1961 to 1976, the longest term in that office in the Club's history.

John gave a short history of Dr. Kennard and his long and dedicated service to the Club, and stated that in establishing this new award, the Council intended that its recipients be a personification of the Club, as Hap Kennard himself was for so many years. The award itself is in the form of a crystal on an ebonite base, which bears the Club logo, a citation stating "Harrison E. Kennard Award for Distinguished and Meritorious Service to the Harvard Travellers Club", and the recipient's name. John then announced the name of the first recipient: Mr. Robert Bigelow Stephenson. John referred to Rob as the one current member who most completely embodies Hap Kennard's legacy. He is a past Secretary-Treasurer, Vice-President, and President during the period of 1980 to 1993. Furthermore, since leaving formal office, he has continued to serve the Club in a wide range of activities. Among many other contributions, he has produced all five Club Year Books since 1981, including this year's Centennial edition, as well as three addenda in the intervening years. He also functions as Club archivist and historian. As a lead-up to the Centennial evening, for example, he provided insightful and amusing oral reports of Club history over dessert at each of the last year's Club meetings. In addition, he is currently working on a Club history that will be published in time for the 750th meeting in May 2003. Rob made a brief acceptance speech, and was roundly applauded by the attendees, who have long recognized his devoted service to the Club.

Following the award ceremony Rob remained on the podium to introduce our keynote speaker. He briefly talked about the early history of the club as it relates to Ernest Shackleton, the famous Antarctic explorer, and his son, Edward, Lord Shackleton, and then introduced our special guest speaker, Mr. Jonathan Shackleton, who came from his home in Ireland especially for this event. Jonathan Shackleton is a descendent of Sir Ernest, and the Shackleton family historian. He presented a charming and informative illustrated talk about the Shackleton family, its history in Ireland, and many little-known anecdotes about the famous explorer and other members of the family (including a brother who is reputed to have stolen the crown jewels of Ireland). Although almost everyone in attendance was familiar with Sir Ernest's 1914-17 expedition, due to its current popularity in books and film, Jonathan provided insights and stories that were new to most of us. The talk was very well received.

The evenings' activities ended with President Sgarzi 's closing remarks, as quoted below.

From time to time, I think of our Club, its history, and its formation by those 30 intrepid individuals 100 years ago today. I think of them as men of courage, vision, intellect, and ability, and possessing a unique spirit of adventure.

In so reflecting, I have always imagined that they have made extremely large footprints in their adventures, and that their shoes have been very difficult to fill.

And yet, as I look around this room tonight, I see men and women of similar courage and ability, who have been engaged in remarkable adventures of their own, and who have set their own high standards in

their travels and adventures. I believe that if our founders could look upon this group this evening, they would feel not only a sense of deep satisfaction, but a sense of sincere and abiding pride as well.

But that is not enough. For it is up to us now to go forward, here, there, and everywhere, in this world and beyond, to make our own large footprints with our own shoes. It is up to us to continue to set high standards as a challenge for those who will follow.

And hopefully, 100 years from now, as this Club celebrates its Bicentennial, those present will have met that challenge, just as we have done, and will feel the same sense of pride, fulfillment, and satisfaction that all of us do, here this evening.

With this, our Centennial celebration is concluded. I hope that you have all enjoyed it. Thank you, and Good Night.

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John gave a short history of Dr. Kennard and his long and dedicated service to the Club, and stated that in establishing this new award, the Council intended that its recipients be a personification of the Club as Hap Kennard himself was for so many years. The award itself is in the form of a crystal on an ebonite base, which bears the Club logo, a citation stating "Harrison E. Kennard Award for Distinguished and Meritorious Service to the Harvard Travellers Club", and the recipient's name. John then announced name of the first recipient: Mr. Robert Bigelow Stephenson. John referred to Rob as the one current member who most completely embodies Hap Kennard's legacy. He is a past Secretary-Treasurer, Vice-President, and President during the period of 1980 to 1993. Furthermore, since leaving formal office, he has continued to serve the Club in a wide range of activities. Among many other contributions he has produced all five Club Year Books since 1981, including this year's Centennial edition, as well as three addenda in the intervening years. He also functions as Club archivist and historian. As a lead-up to the Centennial evening, for example, he provided insightful and amusing oral reports of Club history over dessert at each of the last year's Club meetings. In addition, he is currently working on a Club history that will be published in time for the 750th meeting in May 2003. Rob made a brief acceptance speech, and was roundly applauded by the attendees, who have long recognized his devoted service to the Club.

Following the award ceremony Rob remained on the podium to introduce our keynote speaker. He briefly talked about the early history of the club as it relates to Ernest Shackleton, the famous Antarctic explorer, [and his son, Edward, Lord Shackleton,] and

⁸ Dr. Harrison P. "Hap" Kennard was a surgeon from Newton who was a member of the Club from 1926 until his death in 1982. He served as Club Vice-President from 1947 to 1952, and again in 1960-61, and was president from 1952 to 1954. But he is best remembered as the Club's Secretary-Treasurer from 1961 to 1976, the longest term in that office in the Club's history.

then introduced our special guest speaker, Mr. Jonathan Shackleton, who came from his home in Ireland especially for this event. Jonathan Shackleton is a descendent of Sir Ernest, and the Shackleton family historian. He presented a charming and informative illustrated talk about the Shackleton family, its history in Ireland, and many little known anecdotes about the famous explorer and other members of the family (including a brother who is reputed to have stolen the crown jewels of Ireland). Although almost everyone in attendance was familiar with Sir Ernest's 1914-17 expedition, due to its current popularity in books and film, Jonathan provided insights and stories that were new to most of us. The talk was very well received.

The evenings' activities ended with President Sgarzi 's closing remarks, as quoted below.

From time to time, I think of our Club, its history, and its formation by those 30 intrepid individuals 100 years ago today. I think of them as men of courage, vision, intellect, and ability, and possessing a unique spirit of adventure.

In so reflecting, I have always imagined that they have made extremely large footprints in their adventures, and that their shoes have been very difficult to fill.

And yet, as I look around this room tonight, I see men and women of similar courage and ability, who have been engaged in remarkable adventures of their own, and who have set their own high standards in their travels and adventures. I believe that if our founders could look upon this group this evening, they would feel not only a sense of deep satisfaction, but a sense of sincere and abiding pride as well.

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And hopefully, 100 years from now, as this Club celebrates its Bicentennial, those present will have met that challenge, just as we have done, and will feel the same sense of pride, fulfillment, and satisfaction that all of us do, here this evening.

With this, our Centennial celebration is concluded. I hope that you have all enjoyed. Thank you, and Good Night.

By the time the meeting ended it was nearly midnight.

Respectfully submitted by K. Bures on January 13, 2003.

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29 November 2002

Mr Louis A. Sgarzi, *President*
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Dear Lou,

The Centennial Meeting of The Harvard Travellers Club was a grand and gala affair, attended by an overflowing crowd, enjoyed by all, a fitting commemoration of a hundred years of an undertaking the Club Founders surely never anticipated back on November 15, 1902. You and the Officers and Council did a magnificent job in planning and executing an evening and celebration that will be long remembered.

For me personally, it will be an occasion particularly memorable because of the honor that you, the Officers, the Councilors and the Members bestowed upon me, the conferring of the Harrison E. Kennard Award, named for a man who did perhaps more for the Club than any other over the past hundred years. It is humbling to receive such recognition from my friends and fellow members and I will long treasure the gesture and the kind thoughts behind it.

I remember little of what I said when bestowed with this award—so unexpected, believe me—but please know now that I am very proud and please to have received it.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Stephenson

CENTENNIAL MEETING

1. Opening:
 - a. Welcome – Warm & Cordial
 - b. General Comments – Crowd/Move/Venue
 - c. Thank The Harvard Club – Donor of: Parking, Candelabras, Votives, Wine, Champagne, Hall
 - d. Tradition of Signing Menus
 - e. Meal – Replication of Teddy Roosevelt Dinner

2. Toast

Then, At Time of Dessert

3. Welcome – 744th Meeting

- a. Welcome again.
- b. Centennial = Celebration. Celebration = Members
- c. Introduce groups. Make comments about selected members.

4. Officers & Council:

VP Ed Summersby
VP Liisa Kissel
Sec/Treas
Bob Boardman

Ken Bures
Jo-Del Gaeth
Lansing Fair
Liz Brown
Dan Senecal

5. Presidents:

John Stanbury
John Field
Rob Stephenson

Blue Magruder
John Ross
Geo Wenckeback

6. Secretary/Treasurers:

John Field
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Bob Boardman

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Trustees - George Bates & Jesse Page

8. Centennial Advisory Comm:

John Field, Chair John Ross
Blue Magruder John Stanbury
Bryant Page Rob Stephenson

9. 50 Year Members:

Nine altogether, 5 here this evening:
Bob Bates John Ross Al Creighton
Dr. Samuel Clark Brad Washburn

11. **Distinguished Guests:** Gaby Whitehouse – Women’s Travel Clb
Greg Deyermenjian – Chairman of the
NE Chapter the Explorers’ Club with
Headquarters in New York
Laurie Burt – President of the
Appalachian Mountain Club
12. Letter from Lawrence H. Summers, President, Harvard University
13. **Harrison E. Kennard Award:**
- a. Origin of the Concept.
 - b. Need for Tangible Recognition of Service to the Club.
 - c. Need amendment to the Standing Rules in the form of a
MOTION “That the Council may from time to time
as deemed advisable select a Club member to be the recipient
of the Harrison E. Kennard Award for Distinguished and
Meritorious Service to the Harvard Travellers Club.”
 - d. Introduce Past President and Chair of the Advisory
Committee, John Field, to talk more about the award and to
make its inaugural presentation to Rob Stephenson.

15 Minute Break – Prepare Room for Speaker

14. Introduce Kennard Award Winner Rob Stephenson who will:
- a. Talk about early history of Club as relates to Ernest Shackleton.
 - b. Introduce special guest speaker - Jonathan Shackleton.

TOAST

As we gather here this evening to celebrate the memorable occasion of the Centennial of our Club, I believe that it is both fitting and proper that we remember, honor, and pay tribute to those 30 men who gathered at the Harvard Union 100 years ago today – in fact, 100 years ago to this very moment – and who, with great foresight and vision, founded this organization that has not only endured, but that has flourished throughout these 100 years.

In particular, we should remember William Davis, Copley Amery, Roland Dixon, James Kidder, and Archibald Coolidge who organized the inaugural meeting, and especially to the first of those just named, to Professor William Morris Davis who became our first Club President, and who set a very high standard for those who would follow.

But I believe that it is also fitting and proper this evening, to recognize and pay tribute to all of our current members, especially those of you in attendance here this evening, who have maintained and even elevated the high standards and ideals of our Club, who have nurtured it, supported it, and promoted it, and who have insured that its great traditions will continue to endure.

To you and to them, I offer this toast.

FINAL COMMENTS

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One hundred years ago tonight—as we’re all well aware by now—the Harvard Travellers Club held its first meeting.

What might be less well known is that on this very same date also one hundred years ago, a young Ernest Shackleton was participating in the first of his four Antarctic expeditions, Captain Robert Scott’s National Antarctic Expedition aboard the ship Discovery.

On November 15, 1902, one might expect that they were suffering great hardship, buffeted by fierce winds and biting cold. Not at all. Edward Wilson’s journal for this date records: “It was a gloriously hot day. . . . The sun was so hot and the air so drying that we turned our sleeping bags inside out and gave them a chance to dry.”

And when Shackleton set out on his own expedition aboard the Nimrod, things were little different. In his account of the expedition, The Heart of the Antarctic, he records: November 15, 1908
“Another beautiful day. . . . The sun now, at 9 P.M., is beautifully warm. . . .”

Shackleton’s Endurance expedition led to what is commonly accepted as the greatest survival story of all time. Surely conditions on November 15, 1915 were of unspeakable ferocity, icy cold with a blizzard incessantly roaring. Sorry to disappoint. Col. Thomas Orde-Lees’ journal entry for the date: “The hottest day we have had. . . . The heat in the sun was so considerable that five of us who went to fetch some gear from the vicinity

of the wreck . . . marched in nothing but trousers and singlet & even then were very hot. . . .

Certainly starvation was near. I'm afraid not. The supper that night: Curried seal, bannocks, cocoa, milk, sugar, and walnuts."

Well, in all instances things DID get less comfortable in time. If the Club's first meeting had been in July and not November the journal entries would have told a different tale.



What memorable event in Antarctic history occurred on the 15th of November? One can only search in vain. But memorable things happened on either side of this date.

On the 14th of November 1955, Sir Vivian Fuchs, leader of the British Commonwealth Transantarctic Expedition, left London aboard the Theron, an expedition that was the first to accomplish what Shackleton had failed to do forty years before, crossing the Antarctic continent.

And on the 16th of November 1928, Sir Hubert Wilkins—who spoke to this club at its 191st meeting on May 16, 1930—was the first to fly an airplane in Antarctica.

But on the 15th, nothing notable seems to have happened. At least in the Antarctic. But in 1902 for us the notable event on Saturday the 15th of November was the first meeting of our Club.

And tonight in 2002 there is not one but two notable events worthy of note: The celebration of that first meeting a hundred years ago and the return of a Shackleton.

Sir Ernest was here on March 31, 1910; his son, Edward, was with us on December 6, 1937; and tonight Jonathan, cousin of both, ^{here} ^{we have} ~~is in the building~~.

Jonathan and his wife, Daphne, have come from Mullagh, County Cavan, to celebrate this occasion with us. His brother, Charlie, and sister-in-law Miranda—who live in Vermont—are here as well representing the Shackleton connection to the Club. We welcome all of them.

Jonathan, who is a writer, naturalist, book collector and Antarctic traveller, graduate of Trinity College Dublin and The Ohio State University, Shackleton family historian and about-to-be-bestselling author, has before him this evening the task of giving us a personal perspective on his famous ancestor, touching on things Irish, observing the changes in travel and exploration over the past century and making us all appreciate the first hundred years of the Harvard Travellers Club.

Ladies and gentlemen, members and guests, Jonathan Shackleton.

4. **Officers & Council:**
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| | Bryant Page | Rob Stephenson |
9. **50 Year Members:**
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| | Bob Bates | |
| | Dr. Samuel Clark | John Ross |
| | Al Creighton | Brad Washburn |
10. **Club Medalists:**
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| | Brad Washburn | Bob Bates |
| | Charlie Houston & | Norman Vaughan |
11. **Distinguished Guests:**
- Gaby Whitehouse – Women’s Travel Clb
 Greg Deyermenjian – Chairman of the
 NE Chapter the Explorers’ Club with
 Headquarters in New York
 Laurie Burt – President of the AMC

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Centennial Lecture Series/ for Consideration

My thought was to plan an entire year's series around both the past and the future of travel and exploration...

First, pick some of the outstanding speakers from our past 100 years, and invite experts on their legacy, or those who've followed in their footsteps

more recently, to speak...I need Rob for the list of all the past speakers..but would want to pick ones from the different disciplines...sailing, mountaineering, natural history, etc.

Examples...

If Mallory ever spoke to us, have either David Roberts or David Brashears, (two competing books, alas) or Conrad Anker, speak on the Mallory expedition.

Ask Dr. Michael Novacek of the American Museum of Natural History to speak about his retracing of the steps of Roy Chapman Andrews on his dinosaur/natural history explorations in Mongolia.

Invite primatologist Dr. Richard Wrangham of Harvard to speak on our late member Dr. Harold Coolidge's legacy..his expeditions into Africa and Borneo, discovery of the pigmy chimp, etc.

Find an expert on Peru/Hiram Bingham to speak about the discovery of Macchu and what we've learned since. I know that Ed Ranney has the photographs of Martin Chambi, the now famous Peruvian photographer who accompanied Bingham there..and took the first photographs of the site...

For sailing...need more on who've we've had speak..but imagine getting author/sailor Tim Severin to speak on the Brendan Voyage..or someone who could speak on the legacy of Thor Heyderdahl in the light of what we now know about 30,000 year old settlements in Chile, would be fascinating.

For the future, I imagined three top speakers on "the new frontiers" ..

Bob Ballard, or Sylvia Earle, other others...on exploring the ocean depths, and what little we know..

Dr. Margaret Lowman, author of "Life in the Treetops: the Ups and Downs of Canopy Research" and one of the 'stars' of the National Geographic's TV special "Pioneers of the High Frontier", on forest canopy research.

And a space person/astronomer..seeing into the distant past...

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January 13, 1999

Rob Stephenson
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Dear Rob,

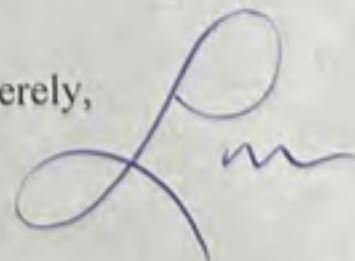
Thank you for volunteering to be a Presenter on Members' Night at our next meeting of the Harvard Travellers' Club. Members' Night will take place on Tuesday, February 8, 2000. We look forward to hearing your talk and viewing your slides on "Exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and South Georgia". You will be on the program as the third of six Presenters that evening.

To insure that the evening will proceed smoothly and without interruption, please take note of the following:

1. All presentations will be limited to **10 minutes** in duration. Your presentation can be less than 10 minutes but must not exceed 10 minutes.
2. I will sit before you in the front row and hold up signs indicating when:
 - a. There are 3 minutes left.
 - b. There is 1 minute left.
 - c. There are 0 minutes left.
3. Your slides are to be provided in a Kodak Carousel slide tray that is clearly identified with your name.
4. You should deliver your slide tray to me or to Janet Swanson sometime prior to dinner.
5. Immediately after dinner, you should plan to meet with Janet and me and with the other Presenters at the rear of the dining room to review projection procedures, including focusing, and your use of the pointer and the remote from the podium.

Members' Night has become a regular February feature of the Club and our members look forward to it with considerable expectation. You will be one of what promises to be a very strong group of Presenters this year. I would encourage you to take sufficient time to review your presentation carefully in order to develop it fully in just the 10 minutes allowed. I very much appreciate your contributions of time and effort as a Presenter, and I eagerly look forward to your presentation.

Sincerely,



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15 March 2002

Mr Jonathan Shackleton
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Dear Jonathan,

Following up on our phone conversation the other day, I am enclosing some stuff on the Harvard Travellers Club:

1. The most recent Year Book (I'm now working on the next one, a special Centenary Edition.) There's a brief history of the Club beginning on Page 9.
2. A list of prominent speakers over the years.
3. The Notice for Eddie's talk on December 6, 1937.
4. Copies of correspondence about Sir Ernest and his visit to Boston March 31, 1910. There are some amusing bits here. A luncheon was arranged by the Club on the same day as EHS's talk at Symphony Hall. It happened and EHS attended but I have yet to find any accounts of it. As I am also writing the history of the Club, I will be checking the newspapers for that time period and will let you know what I find.

Now, to the crux of the situation:—

Since we talked I've consulted with Lou Sgarzi who is the current President and he is enthusiastic about your being the Speaker at the Centenary Dinner which will be held on Friday, November 15, 2002, one hundred years to the day that the Club held its first meeting, and he has asked me to extend the invitation to you. We have been planning this event for some months now and it will be a special occasion, with a menu based on a dinner the Club gave for former President Theodore Roosevelt on December 12, 1911. The new Club History will be issued at the dinner, also a commemorative plate. We are expecting perhaps a hundred attendees.

The Club is anxious to have a special speaker for this milestone meeting and we agree you would fill the bill on that score, not only because you are such a handsome and charming individual but because of the Shackleton connection with the Club historically (i.e. Sir Ernest and Eddie having been speakers). We would expect an illustrated talk that might combine your knowledge of the Shackleton family, Shackleton exploits in the Antarctic (and the Arctic if you were able to say

something about Eddie's work in Ellesmere Island), and perhaps something that would tie it all into the object of the Club: ". . . the promotion of intelligent travel and exploration." The talk should probably be limited to no more than 45 minutes with a brief question and answer period afterwards.

The Club will cover your travel from and back to Ireland and routine expenses while in Boston. Although Club speakers "do it for the honor and prestige of it" we are also prepared to extend an honorarium of \$500 which we will raise privately. I would shepherd you about and otherwise make sure you had a good time and can get you to and from Charlie's if you wanted to tie in a visit to Vermont. In Boston we can put you up at Jo-Del's again (the Byrd house) or with the Bures in Marblehead (the people we had breakfast with and who arranged our stay at the yacht club) or otherwise make certain you have a good bed to sleep in.

I hope these proposed arrangements will make it possible to accept our invitation. I know your being there and participating will make the Centenary event a memorable and successful evening and I can guarantee you'll have a good time as well.

I'll plan to give you a ring before the end of March to see what you think about it. Or, once your e-mail is functioning again, you can shoot off a message.

Regards,

Robert B. Stephenson

Rob

Lou

From: Louis Sgarzi [lsgarzi@shieldpackaging.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2002 9:48 AM
To: 'jshack@indigo.ie'
Subject: Harvard Travellers Club

Jonathan Shackleton - I am the president of the Harvard Travellers Club and have just been given the truly wonderful news from Rob Stephenson that you have agreed to speak to us at our Centennial meeting that will be held later this year on Friday, November 15, 2002, at The Harvard Club in Boston.

Rob has told me about the agreements concerning an honorarium and air fare that he has made with you, and those arrangements are perfectly satisfactory.

I can think of no more appropriate speaker for our one hundredth anniversary meeting. The Shackleton name is historically significant in our Club in that both Sir Ernest and Eddie have spoken to us in our Club's more formative years. And the courageous odyssey of Sir Ernest has been a very current topic with the media. In fact, I saw a very fine two hour Nova presentation on public television here about a fortnight ago that detailed the events of the dramatic saga, and that contained several comments taken from interviews with you.

Perhaps as the months pass, which they seem to all too quickly, and as the time draws nearer for your trip here, we can discuss in more detail the plans for your time here as well as for your talk to our Club. I know that Rob will be seeing to your arrangements once you have arrived. And I know that he has already suggested to you his hope that your talk to us be illustrated and that it somehow compare the attributes of what the Shackleton name represents with those of what our Club represents. I would hope so as well.

Rob mentioned to me that you had told him that should our Club be able to find some other famous person, an astronaut for instance, who we would prefer as our speaker, you would not be offended. Ironically, we do have an astronaut of considerable note and fame who has said that he could speak to us that night, but we much prefer to have you and are delighted that you have agreed to do it. In fact, during our regular monthly meeting this past Tuesday evening, I announced to the 100 or so people in attendance that we had invited you and that you had graciously accepted. That announcement met with instantaneous excitement and approval.

I understand that you will be in Florida sometime soon, somewhere on the east coast I believe. I leave next Wednesday, April 17, for the west coast of Florida. If our times there should overlap and you are so inclined, I would be delighted to drive over to the east coast to introduce myself and to meet you. You might let me know.

In the meantime, on behalf of our entire membership, I thank you sincerely for accepting our invitation and for agreeing to come to Boston in November to speak to our Club on the significant occasion of its 100th anniversary. - Lou (Sgarzi)

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John Field
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October 5, 1999

Dear John,

That was a productive meeting today and an enjoyable lunch. Thanks for arranging it.

I'm enclosing the keepsake I mentioned to you today. Something along these lines, separate from a Year Book and in place of a traditional history, could be done for the anniversary dinner. Content would, of course, be different and more historical and anecdotal but the format might be transferable. [This copy is incomplete, lacking some photos and rock fragments!] I might start thinking about possible contents for a publication and we or the Council could later decide what to include and what to skip.

I think the idea of a series of talks—looking back vis-à-vis the Club and looking forward vis-à-vis travel—is terrific. If the former isn't limited to the first season and the latter to the second, then I think they should be alternated if at all possible, rather than randomly mixed.

I think developing a logo for the centennial would be helpful and I'd be glad to have a go at it.

The plate idea is personally more attractive to me than a medallion and would be less expensive and more utilitarian. Nonetheless, I'll talk to the people at Artek in Peterborough and see if they have any ideas.

My time is such that I won't be able to do much of anything other than thinking about all of this until I return from the Antarctic in mid-January.

Regards,

Robert B. Stephenson

HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB
As of: 11/14/02

Rob

2 ACKERMAN, ROBERT H. & GUEST
2 ADNER, MARVIN & DEBORAH
4 ALDEN, PETER & CINDY WILSON plus TERRY & JUDI PETTIT VOSE
3 AMES, PETER & MICHAEL ROBBINS & MARNA EHRECH - PAID \$170
2 ARANOW, ROBERT & BARRY BURLINGHAM
3 BATES, GEORGE & NANCY plus KITTY FLATHER
2 BATES, ROBERT H. & GAIL (Bob Bates Free)
1 BERNSTEIN, IRVING (GUEST OF JODEL GAETH) - PAID \$60
2 BEVINS, TENLEY & GUEST
1 BOARDMAN, ROBERT O. - PAID \$55 + 50 DUES
2 BONDE-HENRIKSEN, NILS - PAID \$110
1 BRADFORD, ROBERT
2 BRADLEE, SARGENT, JR. & SALLY
2 BREWER, ANN W. & HELEN B. SPAULDING - PAID \$110
1 BROWN, LIZ
2 BRUCK, LAUREN & JON SIMON
4 BURES, KEN & MADELON plus JOHN FOLEY & OLAF MALVER - PAID \$220
4 BURGESS, ALICE plus BARBARA & BILL CHARLTON plus SARAH REED
4 BUTTERFIELD, DON & KEN ISHIWATA & RONALD CHAPMAN & CRANE MCCUNE
1 CHEFFY, SALLY - PAID \$55 DINNER & \$100 DUES
2 CLARK, GEOFFREY & SAMUEL D. - PAID \$55
2 COLLORA, MICHAEL & CLARE
4 CONWAY, MAUREEN & PATRICK CAMERON plus JOSEPH & CAROLINE CONWAY
1 COWAN, RUTHANNE
2 CREIGHTON, ALBERT M. & HILLARY (50 Yr member)
2 CUSHING, CAROLE & LOIS HARVEY
2 DEYERMEJIAN, GREG & REX PASSION
1 EVANS, DAVID H.
2 FAIR, LANSING & JULIA
2 FIELD, JOHN & ALLYSON
2 FISCHOEDER, PETER & SUSAN
2 FLENDER, JOHN & MOLLY
2 FRICKER, STEPHEN J. & KATHERINE G.
2 GAETH, HILLARY & PAUL ASHTON
4 GAETH, JODEL, & ERIK BULLERJAHN & SARAH REINSTEIN & RINDY NORTHROP
3 GARDNER, PIERCE & SYLVIA plus DANIEL RAPASKY
2 GILLESPIE, DON & LOUESA - PAID \$110
2 GIROUX, BERT & SUSAN
1 GRAMM, HERBERT F.
2 GRECO, MARTIN J & GUEST
2 GREGG, KENNETH & JUDY
1 GRIFFIN, PETER
2 HALL, ANDREW & FELICIA
1 HILL, NORMAN P.
4 HODGES, KIP V. & LARKY plus MARGEE & ARI FORGOSH
1 HOOD, EMILY C. - PAID \$55 plus \$45 donation
2 HOUGHTON, PAULINE & RICHARD BOWEN
1 INGALLS, LIBBY (from S.F.)
2 JOHNSON, RICHARD I & MARRIAH G.
1 KELLOGG, CHARLES
2 KISSEL, LIISA & DON
1 KLEIN, MARTY
1 KULUKUNDIS, MILES
1 LEVENSON, KATHRYN (from S.F.)
2 LIPMAN, JASMINE M. & ROGER
1 LIVELLI, TOM (guest of John Reidy) - PAID \$55
1 LOCKWOOD, RICHARD
1 LOU, PETER

7 MADIGAN, PAM & STEVE plus ALICE & LARRY JACOBS plus SUE & GORDY ROLLART
plus BEVERLY KEYS
2 MAGRUDER, BLUE & JOHN HURWITCH
2 MAY, DAVID & DORIS
1 MCCARTHY, SUE (non-member but wife of member)
2 MCCUE, GERALD & MIRIAM
1 MERRIAM, JOSEPH
1 NELSON, PAMELA - PAID \$55
2 NEVILLE, DONNA & JANE MOORE
1 OLDMAN, ANDREW
3 PAGE, BRYANT & SANDRA plus JAMES NIELSON
3 PAGE, JESSE & LIZ plus REX TRAILER
1 PAGE, PATRICIA
2 PAYSON, SAMUEL R. & LAURA R.
2 PEPPER, MIM & ROGER
3 PRIEN, EDWIN & JACK TOWLE & PAMELA BARKER
1 PROVINE, HARRIET
4 RAYMOND, GEORGE & ADA HASTINGS plus NORM & SARAH SIEMAN - PAID \$230
2 ROBERTS, DAVID & SHARON
5 ROSS, JOHN & BARB & OGDEN plus HERBERT & PAT PRATT - PAID \$280
2 SAWYER, FRED & MARY JANE
2 SCHEIN, ED & MARY
1 SCHLEIPMAN, RUSSELL
2 SCOTT, ALFRED & EMILY
1 SEARS, JOHN W. - PAID \$55
2 SENECA, DAN & STEPHANIE - PAID \$110
8 SGARZI, LOU & JANET SWANSON plus LAURIE BURT & TOM ENGELMAN & TOM MAILHOT
plus DAUGHTERS
2 SHACKLETON, CHARLES & MIRANDA (GUESTS OF SPEAKER)
2 SHACKLETON, JONATHAN & DAPHNE (SPEAKER)
2 SOHEILI, HORMOZ & SUE SMITH - PAID \$60
2 STANBURY, JOHN & JEAN - PAID \$110
2 STEPHENSON, ROBERT BIGELOW & MARTIN L. GREENE (Seattle)
1 STOMBERG, RICHARD
2 STONE, GALEN L. & ANNE B. PAID - \$110
2 SUMMERSBY, DAVID & SUSAN
2 SUMMERSBY, ED & JUDY
2 TAPPÉ, A. ANTHONY & JEAN B.
2 TERRY, ROBERT & JUDITY
2 WALES, TED & GRACE MURPHY - PAID \$110
2 WASHBURN, BRADFORD & BARBARA - PAID \$110 (Due refund of \$55)
2 WENCKEBACH, GEORGE & DIANE
2 WHITEHOUSE, GEORGE & GABY - PAID \$100
6 WIEDMAN, MICHAEL & IRENÉE plus NED & JULIE STRONG plus PAUL CALLMAS plus
MS. SH. PANI
1 WILLIAMS, ESTHER C.
2 WINELAND, JUDI & RICK THOMSON
2 WOODBURN, ROBERT & JANET SMITH
2 WOOD, LOREN & SALLY
3 WOOL, SHELDON & JACQUELINE plus ELAINE LUBIN

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Norman -

We were very sorry that you were unable to join us at our gala Centennial celebration. It was held in Harvard Hall at the Harvard Club on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston, and the 220 people who attended nearly completely filled that grand Hall.

Our program, with Jonathan Shackleton as our featured speaker, was a fitting tribute to our 100 years of existence. We recognized many people during the course of the evening and in particular, our Club medal recipients. So you were with us in spirit if not in person.

Please accept this Commemorative Plate from us in appreciation for all you have done for us over the years and in recognition of your lofty position within our ranks. We continue to be honored by you.

Thank you, and best wishes for the holidays.

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12/04/02

Charlie -

We were sorry that you were unable to join us at our gala Centennial celebration. It was held in Howard Hall at the Howard Club on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston, and the 220 people who attended nearly completely filled the Hall.

It was quite a fitting tribute to our 100 years of existence. We recognized many people, in particular our Club medal recipients, and so you were with us in spirit if not in person.

Please accept this Commemorative Plate from us in appreciation for all you have done for us over the years and in recognition of your lofty position within our ranks. We continue to be honored by you.

Thank you, and best wishes for the holidays.

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December 4, 2002

Dear Charlie & Miranda,

What a coincidence - just as I posted a thank you letter to Jonathan in which I told him I would be communicating with you, the mail arrived in which I found your stunning brochure and warm personal note. Many thanks to you not just for this contribution but for all that you both contributed as guests on our club's special evening.

Wasn't that a grand and quite opulent occasion?!!! I still feel quite overwhelmed by it all as I frequently reflect upon it.

All four Shuckletons certainly contributed mightily to the evening's success, and for that, Janet and I, the Council, and the entire membership are deeply grateful.

Janet and I bought a place up in Jackson, NH about a dozen years ago where we frequently go as we will both this weekend and next. Because of that, we now seldom find ourselves in Vermont. But the next time that we are out your way, we will certainly try to take you up on your kind invitation to visit you. We would very much like to do that both to spend some unhurried and quality time together as well as to perhaps see your unique businesses in operation. We were greatly impressed by your brochure.

In the meantime, please accept this Centennial Plate from us and from the Club as a token of our appreciation for adding to the success of our memorable evenings as well as to remind you of this special time in the lives of all of us.

With sincerest and warmest regards,
Love

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December 4, 2002

Jonathan Shackleton
Lakeview House
Mullagh, via Kells Co. Cavan
Ireland

Dear Jonathan,

On behalf of the entire membership of the Harvard Travellers' Club, I would like to extend to you my appreciation and thanks for the wonderful presentation that you made to the Club as the keynote speaker for our Centennial Anniversary Meeting last month. Your talk, comments, slides, and the overall presentation of the remarkable Shackleton story certainly captured the attention, interest, and admiration of everyone in the audience. It was also most appropriate for the Club to have a Shackleton return to us, having had Sir Ernest and Eddie honor us with their presence many years ago, as you have now done.

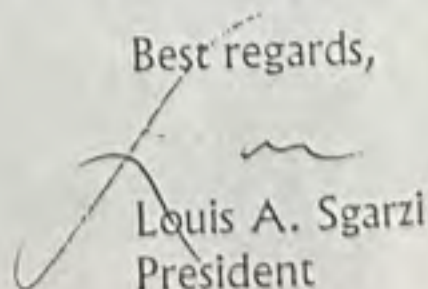
I particularly enjoyed meeting you, and having an opportunity to informally chat with you, particularly at Jo-Del's lovely home the night before the big event. Wasn't that a truly wonderful evening?! It was a pleasure meeting and chatting with Daphne there as well – or should I say with "wild" Daphne. Please extend my regards to her, and tell her how much I enjoyed sitting beside her and conversing with her that evening.

The day following our Centennial celebration, I left for Florida to rest and relax alone at a small place that I own on the Gulf Coast there. I was there for a fortnight and have just now returned to the throes of an early winter that has just descended upon our region. By now, you must be home as well, having been caught up in some of our unseasonable cold and snow before your departure from the States.

I trust that the remainder of your stay here went well and was enjoyable. I know that you were planning to spend time in Vermont with Charlie and Miranda. I certainly enjoyed meeting them as well, and will endeavor to get them one of our Commemorative Plates in appreciation for their attendance at our affair. I hope some day when traveling up their way to be able to stop by to see them.

Once again, thank you very much for coming here to help us celebrate our memorable event and for delivering such a superb presentation to us. We are all most appreciative.

Best regards,



Louis A. Sgarzi
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e Rob - Below and attached, you will find the result of my second request to Laurie Burt, President of the AMC, for the remarks that she made at our Centennial. If the attachment containing her remarks doesn't come through, please let me know. - Lou

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Lou,

My apologies for not responding earlier to your request for my remarks at your 100th gala. If the truth be known, I absolutely could not find it in my computer files. But, I searched a few different places tonight, and bingo; found it. I am sure that the written word is not quite the same as personal delivery, but you are welcome the remarks such as they are.

Again, it was my pleasure to attend your event, which was nothing short of outstanding. Delightful evening, and you did a superb job.

Best wishes for the holidays!

Regards,

Laurie

Harvard Travelers Club: 1902-2002

Good evening. I am Laurie Burt, and I am President of the Board of Directors of the Appalachian Mount Club (AMC). First, I want to congratulate you on 100 years of promoting

and enjoying “intelligent travel and exploration.” Just a few years ago, the AMC celebrated its 125th Anniversary, and I appreciate what an important benchmark in history this evening is for your Club, a chance to look forward with the strength and wisdom of your past.

Second, I wanted to comment on the strong ties between the Harvard Travelers’ Club and the AMC. I was reminded of the similarities of the AMC and Travelers Club when I encountered your President, Louis Sgarzi, this past June, (I might say, a wet but cheerful President Sgarzi) on the eve of the equinox at the Greenleaf Hut on the Franconia Notch Ridge in New Hampshire. Mount LaFayette was shrouded in clouds, and the rain and wind were fierce; the hut was a welcomed refuge.

Now this NH ridge is not the Antarctic, but the weather is just as variable, as you know. The point of my story is the instant congeniality and enthusiasm of travelers and explorers when they meet, on a mountain top, a ridge, cold and soaking wet, or hot and parched in more tropical climates. After swapping stories about the Alps, the Dolomites, the Canadian Rockies, and other mountains climbed and trails traversed (I am afraid Lou had checked off more than I had, the privilege of being a successful businessman vs. a lawyer), Louis told me about your celebration tonight and invited me to join. I was honored.

Returning to our similar missions, the AMC, while perhaps older, it not as provincial as its Appalachian appellation may suggest. No, in addition to our “*protection and enjoyment of the mountains, rivers and trails of the Appalachian Mountains*”, the AMC from its very beginning years, has always reached out to also enjoy the Rockies, the Himalayas, the Andes, the Juras and even the Luna (the Moon) Mountains beyond. So, the mission of exploration and travel is definitely a common bond. I even asked our AMC librarian to check on the early association of the AMC and the Travelers Club, to which he replied, after investigation, that

there were many interlocking directorships and connections. As you know, in the early days of both clubs, there was a bit of rivalry between MIT and Harvard lead expeditions, each with their own sponsors and graduate students. But our records also suggest that members of both clubs happily joined the expeditions of the other. The opportunity for lively, intellectual and social exchange was a great plus, especially in "mixed" company.

My warmest and enthusiastic congratulations from the AMC on this, your 100th anniversary dinner, and may your fine traditions of exploring and caring about our natural world continue in this new, challenging millennium. Our remaining wildlands of the world will benefit from your interest and attention in future years. Thank you, and good luck.