



"Wildlife is an echo of our own beginnings"... 1981

William Holden

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WHWF PEN PALS: FORGING FRIENDSHIPS ACROSS CONTINENTS LETTER BY LETTER



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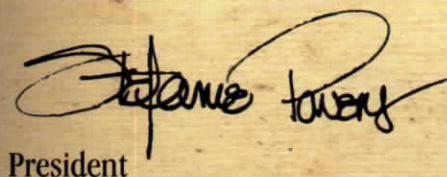
Even as we mourn the passing of our founding Vice-Chairman, Don Hunt, we celebrate his participation in the structuring of the fundamentals of our Kenya operations, and we resolve to carry on in the light of his contribution, increasing in excellence under the guidance of our new Board and Advisory Board.

Recently, through the generosity of our new Advisory Board Member Mr. Kevin Goetz, we were able to employ his state of the art teleconferencing center to conduct our first international meeting of the Board "face to face".

How exciting it was to feel the enthusiasm across the media of new technology, allowing a robust exchange of ideas that I feel will benefit the Foundation enormously. We are blessed to have such a remarkable group of people to help us move forward. One chapter ends and a new chapter begins, building on the solid foundation designed by our founders.

With your continuing support our future is bright.

Thank you!


President



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Try This Quiz - Win A Prize!

Here's a fun crossword puzzle we use in Kenya at our main Education Center as well as at all our rural libraries to engage the students. We thought we would share this piece of curricula with all of you, but instead of giving you the answers, we thought we would give you the test! See how many you can get right. Fill in the crossword puzzle, and then submit it via mail or scan and email us and everyone who fills in it with all the correct answers will receive a WHFW patch!



Bushmeat Crossword

Bushmeat is the name given to wild animals that are killed and eaten illegally around the world. To find out more about it, try filling in the puzzle below. The clues to the words in the puzzle are at the bottom of the page.

1.				B U S H M E A T			
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CLUES:



- Another word for the wood that is cut down from forests. It is the trade in this that is one of the major reasons for the growth of the bushmeat trade.
- A small African antelope (pictured right). It is eaten by chimps and is one of the species most at risk of extinction from the bushmeat trade.
- The main habitat that many "bushmeat animals" live in. It is being destroyed in the trade of #1 above.
- Young animals left behind when their parents have been killed. Looking after these animals is an expensive and difficult job.
- A short name for our closest relatives. This animal is killed and sold as an expensive food in some parts of Africa.
- Against the law. Most of the killing of wild animals in some parts of the world is against the law.
- If an animal has been illegally killed it has been _____.
- A species of animal that has completely disappeared is said to be _____. This has already happened to one species of monkey, (Miss Waldrapp's monkey) and may happen to many species because of the bushmeat trade.

How Did We Get Involved?

By Brenda Loh, Teacher, Segerstrom High School

As a longtime supporter of WHWF, five years ago I wanted to become more involved. After speaking with Kathy Bartels, the Secretary/Treasurer of the foundation, I enrolled my students in the Pen Pal Program. I was a bit skeptical about how committed my high school students might be toward actual writing with pen (pencil from U.S.) and paper in an age where technology and social media rule, but, happily, I didn't have to worry as my students loved it.

Growing up in Malaysia, I had a pen pal in America and it changed my life. But my students were unfamiliar with the pen pal program. The foundation paired us with Ngenia Secondary School in Kenya and we started writing.

We began with my 33 students and received 43 replies from Ngenia. That left 10 Kenyans in need of pen pals. The word quickly spread among my students and the shortfall was filled. Currently we have 87 students from my school writing to their Kenyan counterparts.

With lifestyles so different, the pen pals stories from Kenya amaze my students. The Kenyans tell of wildlife they encounter in their villages which is inconceivable in our country where we do not do nearly enough for wildlife conservation.

My students were also amazed at how well the Kenyans write in English, and their penmanship puts my students to shame. Sadly, cursive writing is a dying art in school because students rely on devices and you can hardly read people's signatures anymore. This pen pal program stimulates communication and exchange of information in ways the internet never can. Now they have to actually write, and they get information firsthand from their pen pals. They have and are still learning from each other ... similarities and differences in lifestyles, cultures, education systems, food, music, books, movies, and sports, especially Football (soccer!) The many weeks in between the letters are agonizing for students on both sides and they are always so happy and excited when the letters finally arrive.

We started out writing letters, but we have now gone beyond just writing. We started fundraising for the WHWF foundation. I am proud to say that we are now a service club at school.

After our initial contribution was made to the WHWF, I received a

USA pen pal Amy writes that
"... when learning about international history and news, it is a bit difficult to grasp the realities of conditions abroad without the extremities of media invading our perception. Having the privilege of hearing what one's life is like in another part of the world is such a big deal for me because it grounds my assumptions back into reality."



call from Kathy Bartels asking if it would be okay to use the funds to buy books for the library at Ngenia. I was blown away! Which organization/charity would ask a question like that? My respect for and opinion of the WHWF just quadrupled!!! Not only that, I made it a point to visit the Education Centre in Nanyuki two years ago to see first-hand what the Centre actually teaches and what service is provided to the locals and the school. I saw the books we bought when I visited Ngenia's library and took lots of pictures to share with my students of the books, library and their pen pals wearing the t-shirts for which we had fundraised.

I was impressed with how the Education Centre was run and what it offered to the visiting students and to the rural schools. I came back determined to do more. We fundraise by selling boba tea after school and these past two years we also held piano recitals and sold tickets, cookies and water to raise funds for not only the WHWF, but to also provide scholarships to deserving pen pals in Kenya for their final Form Four year.

My students are learning a lot about life ... they came up with criteria for the Kenyan pen pals to write an essay as an application for the scholarship, and my students discussed and selected the winners. My students realize that they have got it made studying and growing up in America where education is free and everything is taken for granted. This experience of writing and learning about their pen pals' lives has made my students very grateful for what they have here.

My students have forged a bond of friendship across two continents, and I exchange letters with the teachers. Many pen pals on both sides have come and gone, but I am proud to say that some of my former students, who are now in college, are still writing. They hope to visit Kenya one day ...

An Update From WHWF Secretary Kathy Bartels

It's been a very busy couple of months here in our Los Angeles office. The WHWF's first online auction through the charity website CharityBuzz reached many new donors to our organization, and resulted in a \$1850 donation to us from the winner of two tickets and a meet and greet with our president after a performance of her Broadway-bound play Gotta Dance in Chicago this past January.

We ran our first online Valentine's Day WHWF Special - an autographed set of "Rare Orchid", a perfume and body lotion set created by our president, and raised approximately \$5,000. Thank you to everyone for your support!!!



We are continually looking for additional online avenues to help spread our word and raise more donations. We are pleased to announce that we are one of the registered charities with the PayPal Giving Fund as well as with eBay. Please visit our eBay page at <http://givingworks.ebay.com/charity-auctions/charity/william-holden-wildlife-foundation/120611> and if you are buying or selling on eBay, please consider the WHWF as one of your chosen charities!

Finally, we have our own YouTube Channel - you can find us at www.youtube.com/WilliamHoldenWildlifeFoundation. Please visit our channel, become a subscriber and view our new promo film.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your donations ... large or small, they are very much appreciated by all of us at the William Holden Wildlife Foundation.

News from Kenya

In Memorium:

WHWF Founding Vice Chairman Don Hunt

Last original founder of the Mt. Kenya Game Ranch was 84

We are saddened to announce the passing of founding Vice Chairman of the WHWF Don Hunt. Don began his career as a pet shop owner in a suburb of Detroit, Michigan. He became a TV personality through a Detroit-based television show "B'Wana Don in Jungle-La". The show took Don around the world, but it was his filming in Kenya over 50 years ago that changed his life forever.



After a mutual friend introduced Don to William Holden, who already owned the Mt. Kenya Safari Club, Don became a partner in the first ever game ranch for the conservation of species. They called it the Mount Kenya Game Ranch.

After William Holden's untimely death in 1981, Stefanie Powers was made a partner in the game ranch, and the idea was formed to create the education center Bill imagined

in order to carry on his wish of conservation through education and the William Holden Wildlife Foundation was born.

Don is survived by four brothers, Tom, Brian, Michael and Pat; a sister, Diane; two children, Kevin and Kimberly; and two grandchildren, Ryan and Alex. His longtime partner and devoted wife, Iris Hunt, passed away on Dec. 24, 2014.

If you were to ask Don what he would like to be remembered for it would be ... "Be Nice to Animals."

We must quell the demand for ivory, or elephants won't survive the decade. The United States is the second largest market for illegal ivory, so please write your representatives in Congress and ask them to support ivory bans legislatively and provide a framework for enforcement of recent agreements with China.

Won't you please join us in writing to the embassies of the countries fueling the blood ivory trade, indicating that you will boycott all products from their respective countries until they outlaw the sale of ALL ivory and rhino horn and commit to stringently enforcing those laws? These majestic animals need your voice! If not you, then who?



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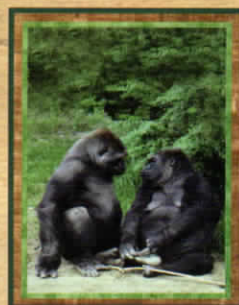
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Elephant & monkey are 11" tall standing, 7" sitting.

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Prices range from \$1.75 - \$2.50



Inside verse:
I still go ape over you!
Happy Anniversary!



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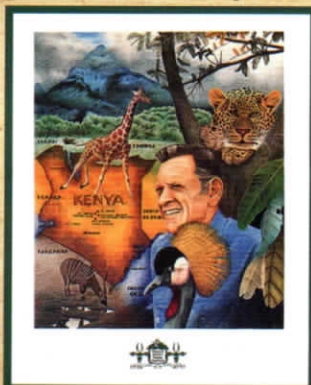


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