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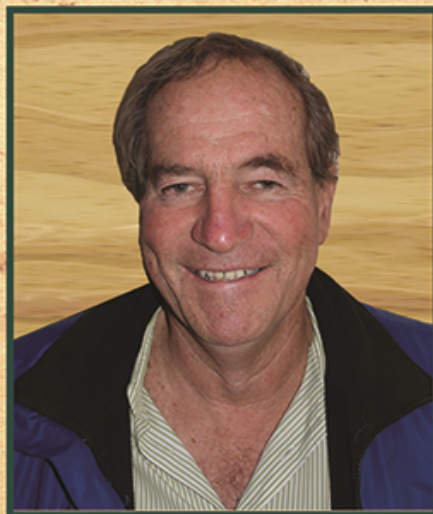
In May/June I was pleased to host our Treasury / Secretary Kathy Bartels and two of our Advisory Board Members, Dr. Don Lindburg and Rodney Gould when they came to Kenya on their first safari to the WHWFEC. Kathy has written an article with her comments and impressions. I was very happy to share our accomplishments with them and to discuss potential for improvements and new projects.

We are happy to introduce Harry Hanegraaf. Harry joins us to add his expertise to new projects that are designed to enhance our concepts well into the next 20 years. Harry is a Kenya citizen who attended primary and secondary schools in Kenya and advanced education in Holland and in England. His practical experience building roads in Sudan, drilling for water, managing projects in agriculture, transport, logistics, civil engineering and conservation give him special qualifications that will be a great asset to the pilot projects we are beginning to design. We all welcome Harry and look forward to bringing you news of our progress as they unfold.

We hope that none of the unfortunate events of these last few months have caused you any personal pain or loss, and we pray for all the victims and hope for better, less-violent times ahead.

Regards,

President



Harry Hanegraaf

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My Magical Safari

by Kathy Bartels

After 26 years as Secretary / Treasurer of WHWF, I finally plucked up enough courage to board my first international long haul flight to visit Kenya. I traveled with two of our advisory board members, Dr. Don Lindburg and Rodney Gould, along with my friend, Paulette Maiden, who is a grade school teacher and a supporter of the foundation.

I am not a frequent flyer so Paulette was my moral support and kept me calm throughout the 19 hours in the air. After a three and a half hour car ride we arrived at Stefanie's home and were greeted by a welcome cool drink and lunch. I was in a state of such excitement to finally be in Kenya that in spite of jet lag I was raring to go. Stefanie drove me to the Education Centre while the others relaxed after our ample lunch. The jet lag caught up with me eventually but that first day it was on hold.

Although I had seen photos and layouts of the Education Centre grounds and had communicated with David McConnell, Michael Ng'ang'a and Samuel Njuki for years, my first impressions on arrival at the center were memorable.

The grounds are more impressive in real life, as are the buildings and installations. The library is beautiful and the three dormitory tents are comfortable accommodations for our overnight students. All the installations have both educational and practical applications, most fascinating of all are the sustainable cooking area, the bush 'refrigerator' and the bio-gas.

I had the opportunity to sit in on one of the lectures given by Michael Ng'ang'a to a visiting group of students, which he delivered in our library. Michael gave an inspiring talk engaging all the students. It was obvious by the expressions on their faces that they were totally absorbed in what he was saying.

Over the 12 days we were in Kenya we were able to visit all of our rural library projects. It was very emotional for me to see the reactions of the students, the teaching staff, and some of



the parents, when they greeted our president; clearly, they see her as a valuable contributor to their lives.

At every school we were welcomed with a program of singing and dancing. The libraries and sustainable kitchen/canteens that we have built at the schools are a vast improvement to the quality of their education and their health, and the students apply what the library affords them to improve their education. Our message is delivered to the students, teachers and families through the lectures conducted by Michael and Njuki when they regularly visit each school.

We were all looking forward to meeting Chocolat, and she charmed us all. The help we are giving to support her is crucial to her well-being and all of us fell in love with her.

There were so many memorable moments for me during his entire trip that it is impossible to pick out the most outstanding. However, two deserve some mention. First was visiting the Julie D. Powers Memorial Library – just standing outside the door by the sign, I could feel how proud Julie is of her daughter for all that she has accomplished.

The second was visiting the Mt. Kenya Safari Club. Knowing the history of the club, I walked over to what was William Holden's cottage, that is labeled outside with a gold plaque. That evening we had drinks at the Safari Club's bar. I asked if it was the same as it was back then, and though all things change, there were some things that remain the same. So I asked myself, "Could I be sitting in the same chair that William Holden sat in over 50 years ago looking out at Mt. Kenya?"

Visiting Kenya has always been a dream of mine, and I now understand how it changes your life.

And I long for the day when I return.



Advisory Board Member Sponsors Lilian Mwari

The community of Mlima Hillside Kenya has evolved over the years from the village adjacent to our Education Centre. The population is poor, mostly subsistence farmers, some of whom have prospered farming the rich soil of the hills at the base of Mt. Kenya. As with all rural areas, the numbers of farms have multiplied as have the number of children.

As neighbors we have always maintained a special relationship with Mlima Kenya, and they with us, so naturally we visited the primary school with our board members in May and were received warmly with wonderful songs, dances and speeches from the students. One of the young girls who spoke was particularly impressive, despite her second-hand tennis shoes with no laces and her tattered dress. We were told by the head teacher that 'Lilian' was especially gifted.

Lilian's father abandoned her mother and four siblings. The single mother and her five children live in one room with dirt floors and no electricity. In spite of the hardships of her life, Lilian not only excels in school, she is a superior student whose test results



place her consistently in the highest rankings of her class, her school and her district. The latest test results place Lilian 8th in the zone which consists of 24 schools with 600-700 students each. When the headmaster told David McConnell about Lilian, David generously bought her a battery-operated light so



she could study at home. Her history of excellence in scholastics makes Lilian eligible to go to a top-rated secondary school where she would live away from home. The cost of a boarding school, clothing, two uniforms, shoes, a mattress, sheets and towels, transport at holidays, and extra food, bring an annual fee of \$1,000, which makes it impossible for Lilian's mother to afford.

After hearing her story, our advisory board member Don Lindburg raised his hand and said he would take care of the fees. In one miraculous minute the life of this 14-year-old girl was changed and the door to a bright future was opened.

We were all taken aback by Don's gesture and Lilian was in shock. It took a good 20 minutes for the idea to settle in and there were tears all around.

Thank you, Don, for this life-changing act of generosity.

Mlima Kenya Primary School Needs Desks



When first we visited this school and began helping them by building a library and a sustainable kitchen/canteen there were 300 students. Today there are 700 and they are forced to accommodate these numbers by placing four youngsters at every desk.

We want to help by building more desks, and if this inspires you to help, we would love to dedicate a desk in your name. The cost of each desk is \$75.00



and for your donation you will receive a photo of your dedicated engraved desk, along with a thank you letter from the Head Teacher at Mlima Kenya, along with the gratitude of the teachers, the students and their families.

You may use the coupon below to send in your check. Be sure to check the box that your donation is to Adopt A Desk and please print clearly in the Name section the name to be engraved on your desk.

Thank you!

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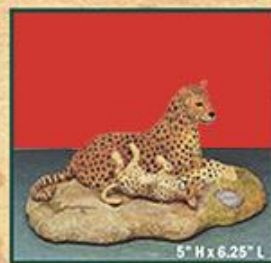
Elephant & monkey are 11" tall standing, 7" sitting.

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All-occasion greeting cards now sold individually online at www.whwf.org/greetingcards.htm
Prices range from \$1.75 - \$2.50



Inside verse: Another year older, and you're still irresistible! Happy Birthday!



SPOTTED LEOPARD by NOVELINO \$75

From a collection made exclusively for the WHWF by Novellino, the artisans have given these handcrafted sculptures their careful attention by reproducing each minute detail of these beautiful and exotic creatures. Each limited edition piece has been discreetly signed under the base by WHWF president, Stefanie Powers. Please visit www.whwf.org/novelino.html for the pieces that are currently available.



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All of our t-shirts are imprinted with soy-based inks. Our off-white logo t-shirts are made of Fortrel EcoSpun, produced from recycled plastic bottle caps. Our dark green and black t-shirts are 100% cotton.



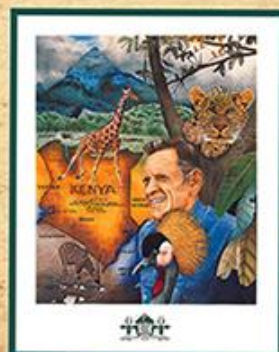
White Imprint on Dark Green

COFFEE MUGS \$14



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Adjustable, 100% cotton, unconstructed cap with velcro closure and embroidered WHWF patch. Your choice of Navy, White or Khaki.



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