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With The Students From Wathetuga  
And Their Awards Won at Ngenia  
Secondary School**

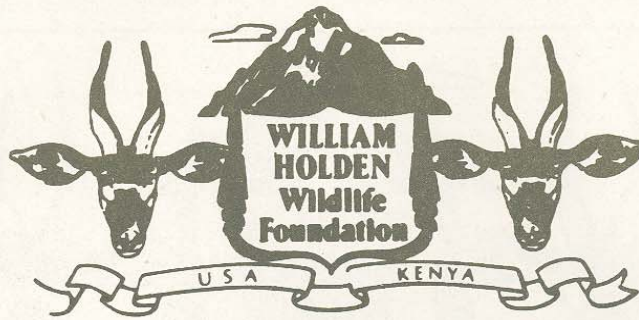
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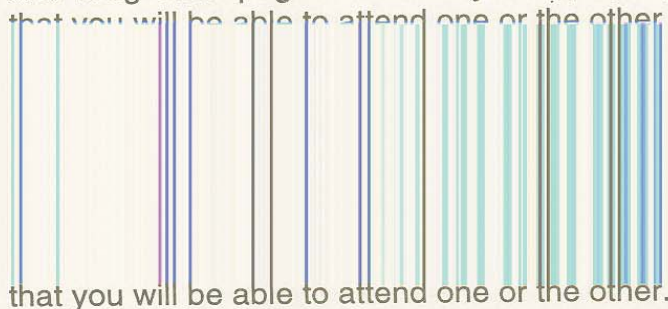
Dear Friends,

This has been an extremely active and interesting summer for me as I hope it has been for you. I have had two visits to Kenya over the last few months and both have been filled with activity.

We have chosen a site for a new rural library near a village called Nyingira. This library is actually a wedding present to my husband and me by Mr. and Mrs. Jon Lovelace whose generosity to the Foundation is unending. Another of the Lovelace clan is producing some lovely greeting cards whose sale gives a sizable donation to the Foundation.

On my last visit to Kenya in August, I met with Mr. David Bristow, the architect who designed the original buildings that formed the beginning of Phase I of our Education Center. Since we are answering the needs of nearly 10,000 students this year it is clear that the wear and tear on our accommodations requires us to further develop our land to relieve the current facility. We have received a grant from the JL Foundation to cover the costs of developing a plan for the new phase which we must call Phase III since it will use the remaining land and completely develop the property. Once the drawings are completed a budget can be estimated and then we really have to work to attract the funds to build. We will need everyone's help at that time so I sincerely hope the recession will be over for all of us.

We are now hoping to do our Celebrity Polo Match in March, 1995 as a fund-raising vehicle and we will also be involved once again with Palm Beach Polo at an event sponsored by Cartier and Krug Champagne in January. I hope, depending on which part of the country you are in, that you will be able to attend one or the other.



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In this issue we are including an article about a cat sanctuary that has been established by Mrs. Gail Pope, formerly secretary to the Foundation. Gail has remained a close friend in every other way but geographically. Some of our supporters are great lovers of domestic animals as well being concerned for those in the wild so we thought this article would be of interest.

Our happiest news is our cover story which I hope will give you an idea of the impact a little bit of help has. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Ken Norris we have the best news to come out of Africa for some time.

Warmest regards,



## News From Kenya

### Library:

The Foundation has hired Onyango Ngalo, a librarian to head the education center's library as well as the rural Ken Norris and JL Foundation's libraries. Both rural libraries have recently acquired 40 bookstands/bookends, and 100 textbooks donated from the International School of Kenya was delivered to the Ken Norris Library. Six packages of school supplies, as well as 46 text books were received from the California office, which was distributed evenly to the three libraries. Both rural libraries stock are growing at a steady rate.

### Repairs:

All of the Foundation's motor vehicles were taken in for servicing in June.

### Construction:

Ms. Powers was in Kenya in June, and work has begun on the building plans for Phase III, the final phase in Kenya.

### Financials:

Price Waterhouse in Nairobi has finished the books for the fiscal year, ended June 1994. These are being sent to the Los Angeles office.

### *March 5th, 1995 Celebrity-Pro Polo Match to Benefit William Holden Wildlife Foundation*

Stefanie Powers, President of the William Holden Wildlife Foundation, will host a Celebrity/Pro Polo Match to benefit the organization on Sunday, March 5th at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center. The fund-raiser, which will begin at 12Noon, will benefit the work of the Foundation as well as providing a day out with lunch for a variety of local youth-oriented charities. The festivities will include a Celebrity Parade and a Barbecue Luncheon.

Powers will be among the celebrity polo players, and her "Hart to Hart" co-stars Robert Wagner and Lionel Stander will be among those joining her and other celebrities in the pre-game parade. Celebrities will be paired in the parade with children associated with the charity organizations represented. The all-day barbecue will culminate with a western band performing through the cocktail hour.

The Foundation has hosted several events on behalf of the organization in Palm Springs, CA and Palm Beach, FL, but this is the first local event in many years. The Foundation was founded in 1982 in memory of the late actor, who first fell in love with Kenya in 1956 and began efforts to preserve wildlife there. The principles of the Foundation, in carrying out Holden's endeavors, are to participate in and support specific animal preservation and backing up that support with education. The Foundation facility in Kenya provides a curriculum beginning at age nine to teach Africans conservation techniques and to enlighten them as to the need for their application.

*For ticket information, please call: 310-274-3169.*

\* This event was scheduled for Oct. 16th but due to circumstances beyond our control the earliest date we are able to book is March 5th. Please save that date and hope we will see you there.





# WATHETUGA

In 1982 the William Holden Wildlife Education Center received its first group of students and once construction was finished, the Center was well on its way to becoming the busy facility we have today. Clearly we were answering the demand from the more urbanized population but we had not yet considered how to get our message of conservation and preservation to the grass roots of the rural communities whose level of education was considerably lower. An opportunity arrived to try our luck at addressing an isolated village on the slopes of Mt. Kenya. Kahaurara had a school of 600 students and 18 teachers and not a map of Africa let alone a map of the world, it was quite a challenge. With the enthusiasm of the teachers and permission from the Ministry we built a library, installed maps, charts, blackboard, books and Heather Eves our first Education Officer, who implemented our first rural programme. The response was amazing and everyone took to the new ideas like ducks to water. Soon Heather was putting on a play about the "Man of the Trees" who like Johnny Appleseed, planted trees to replace the destruction done to the environment by over exploitation of the forest. The children were a most fertile audience but soon the government issued a declaration to move all the villages off the slopes of the mountain as the populations were invading the National Parks so the people of Kahaurara were relocated and the school was



**Awards won by students**



## **District Commissioner congratulates student on scholastic achievements**

closed.

Nevertheless, we had proved one thing, that a rural program could work, the trick was to find an individual donor who would be interested in a library, and give us enough of a grant to see it built, functioning and ensure its survival. The first person to step up to the plate was our long-time supporter, Mr. Ken Norris, and he gave us the Ken Norris Library of the William Holden Wildlife Foundation at Wathetuga.

No one had ever heard of Wathetuga, it was a primitive cluster of home-made structures at the end of a dirt track which was impassable during the long rains. Still, there was a headmaster and some amazing dedicated teachers who inspired their students with the help of the Library to excel beyond all imagining. Slowly, but consistently, the yearly test scores brought attention to Wathetuga and much to everyone's surprise the students began to win awards for their scholarship. Wathetuga was suddenly on the map!

This year the students and teachers of Wathetuga have received awards that put them among the top schools in the country, and they attribute their accomplishments wholly to the Ken Norris Library of the William Holden Wildlife Foundation.

Congratulations to Wathetuga and congratulations to Mr. Ken Norris. We are proud of all of you.





## CATS ARE PEOPLE TOO!

Cats come first at CATS ARE PEOPLE TOO, a non-profit cat sanctuary, founded by former WHWF employee Gail Pope. At CAPT Gail provides shelter, medical attention and loving care for the cats and kittens who are abandoned or unwanted.

Gail has always retained an interest in animal welfare even while she pursued a career in banking and brought up her family. However she decided that she wanted to help cats full-time and the idea of the sanctuary was born.

The Popes have converted part of their home, in three acres of beautiful canyon country, to provide the cats with communal rooms connecting to an enclosed garden area for fresh air and exercise. Their visitors are only caged for health or safety reasons and the older cats have separate quarters from the younger.

Though occasionally helped by volunteers, the majority of work in the sanctuary is done by Gail alone. The daily chores begin before dawn when the sanctuary and main house are cleaned and disinfected. From breakfast until bedtime Gail is single-mindedly focused on her charges.

The first resident "Mitzi" was brought to the vet's office to be euthanized at 18 years old. The vet could not do it and boarded her. Jon Oyama who worked there told Gail about Mitzi and she moved to the sanctuary, followed by three more cats from the same vet.

The plight of cats like Mitzi inspired CAPT. The number of stray, abandoned and unwanted cats and kittens is staggering, and without spaying and neutering the numbers are rising dramatically. Owners discard their cat when it reaches adulthood, or because they are moving, getting a new carpet, having kids or because the cat has fleas or is too expensive to keep. Many of the cats have

names - currently residing in the sanctuary are Eric Clapton, Mick Jagger, and Tina Turner, not to mention John, Paul, George and Ringo - and of course, Stefanie.

Whilst waiting for suitable homes, these animals need an interim place to stay, and prospective owners are carefully vetted. There will be a fee of \$35.00, both to offset the sanctuary costs but also to discourage those people who might buy the cat to resell to a lab. Visits will be by appointment only to meet the animals in site at the sanctuary, before taking time to decide whether to go ahead with the 'adoption'. Gail will personally deliver the cat to see the new home and check its suitability.

Gail Pope's dream of establishing her CAPT sanctuary are nearing fruition and once the final permits are secured, it will begin operating full-scale with an upper limit of 125 guests.

For more information about CATS ARE PEOPLE TOO call (714)589-MEOW. Volunteers and donations are welcome.



Gail weighing Eric Clapton

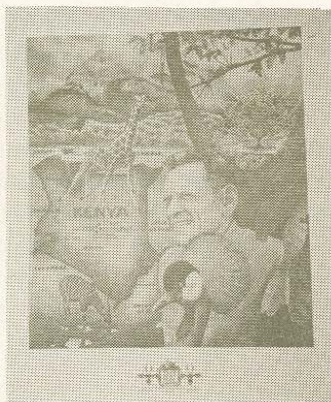


**WHWF EXPANDS GREETING CARD LINE**

We are proud to offer 16 new cards produced by 'Greetings From Nature' featuring some photographs taken by Stefanie Powers. Ask for these cards in your local shop or for information call 1-800-274-6555.

**ANIMAL CALENDER FOR 1995**

Viesti & Associates are producing a beautifully photographed calender for next year, proceeds going to the Foundation. Also this calender will include a photograph by Stefanie Powers. For information please call 310-274-3169.



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Enclosed is my check for \$15.00 for a copy of James Vermey's Paper of the "Future of Wildlife Management in East Africa."

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***Just a reminder that the Foundation has WHWF t-shirts!***

T-Shirts are \$12.00 each (\$10.00 plus \$2.00 postage).  
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