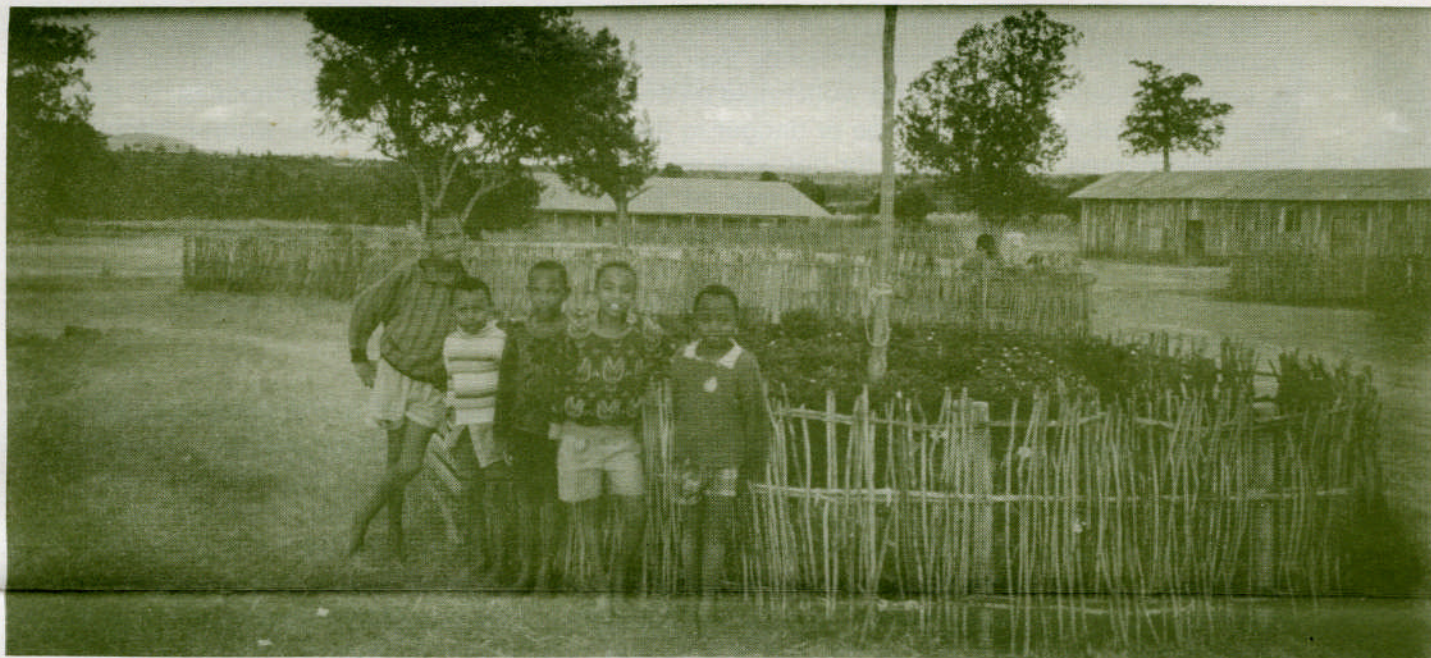


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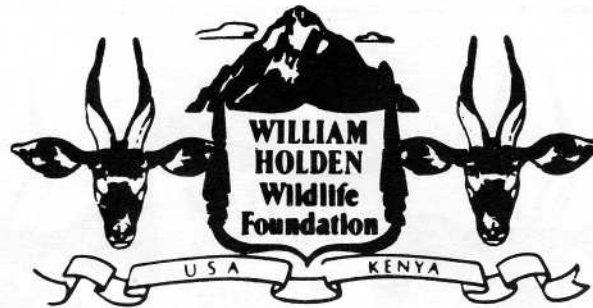
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Dear Friends,

We are happy to report that our revenues from our fund-raising events in Palm Beach and in Los Angeles have enlarged our accounts by \$112,000.00. Thank you all for your encouragement and continuing support. By comparison to many organizations the figure mentioned may sound modest but due to our "lean" machine of practically zero expenses in our U.S. office we will be able to do a great deal with the amount received.

As some of you ardent followers of the history of conservation will know, Dr. Louis Leakey encouraged three young women to devote their lives to the study and protection of great apes. Dr. Leakey's theory was that field work could be best accomplished by human females, as they presented no posture of challenge or danger to the male apes. Two of those women became household names, Dian Fossey for her work with silverback gorillas and Dr. Jane Goodall for her work with chimpanzees. The name of Birute Galdikas is wildly respected by the cognoscente but has sadly not yet reached the greater public which she desperately needs to do in order to carry on the invaluable work she does with orangutans in southern Borneo. We are proud to present to you an article about our good friend Birute which will hopefully help to increase her popularity.

The Foundation has been offered a piece of land in the domain of a well celebrated tribe called the Masai. The Masai Mara is a vast area partially designated game reserve where the Masai live. Well known as nomadic herdsman, the Masai have had to accept the confines of modern life, which has had an impact on their environment. We have been requested to use the donated piece of land to build an education center similar to the one we have in Nanyuki. The Masai number some 300,000 people, and an education center would play an extremely important role in conserving wildlife and the environment in this, one of the most beautiful parts of East Africa. I will be in Kenya the end of April and look forward to visiting the proposed site along with our vice chairman Don Hunt and our director Mrs. Iris Breidenbend Hunt.

Due to all the news we have to report, this newsletter has been extended. I hope you will all find our news of interest.

Warmest regards,

Stefanie Powers

News From Kenya

Library:

Completion of the rural library at Nyarigino, a wedding gift to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick de la Chesnais (Stefanie Powers) by Jon and Lillian Lovelace.

Visitors:

Professor Stephen R. Kellert along with a group from Yale University visited our education center this past January. The group, from the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies thoroughly enjoyed their visit, hosted by our James Vermey our senior lecturer.

Donations:

Our good friend, Ramona Griffin from Indianapolis, IN has recently shipped over to Kenya boxes of text books, which have been catalogued and distributed throughout our libraries.

New Staff at the Education Center

We are happy to welcome to our staff Mr. Wolfgang Heber. Mr. Heber is being installed as manager-financial controller at the education center, thus liberating our educators from this responsibility.

We are also saying goodbye to Mr. James Vermey who after being with us for 5 years has moved on to join EarthWatch. James has set an excellent standard for our staff many of whom came to us as students, and have risen through our intern program to the positions they now hold. We all wish James the best of luck and look forward to watching his career.

Therefore, we are happy to present to you our members, our new staff:

Mr. Wolfgang Heber	Manager/financial controller
Mr. Francis Maina	Senior lecturer
Mrs. Margaret Wachira	Office manager
Mr. Samuel Wawaru	Bookkeeper
Mr. Robert Ndeto	Assistant Warden
Mr. Onyango Ngalo	Librarian



Outstanding Conservationist and World Famous Primatologist: the Humble and Gifted Birute Galdikas

Saving and studying orangutans is the life work of Dr. Birute Galdikas. In her early twenties, she completed her dissertation at UCLA by traveling to Borneo to study this endangered, elusive red ape. When she attended a lecture by the well-known paleoanthropologist Dr. Louis Leakey, she asked for his help. Leakey tested her skills of observation, her patience, and her dedication. Impressed, he agreed to help. Through his contacts with National Geographic Society and other organizations, he helped to find funding for her initial research.

No one had studied the wild orangutan and unlocked their secrets. Many ventured into the jungles of Southeast Asia only to return empty-handed. Dr. Leakey had chosen Jane Goodall to study chimpanzees, Dian Fossey to study mountain gorillas, and Birute to study orangutans. The other two great apes are in Africa, and the orangutan is known as the neglected ape in primatological circles. Birute is also known as the "One of Leakey's Trimates" or Leakey's Third Angel.

Birute left for Borneo with a few issues of *National Geographic*, log books, and her husband. They established Camp Leakey on the Sekonyer River in Central Kalimantan or Borneo. The great red apes brachiate in the thick treetops of the rainforest. It was several weeks before she spotted her first orangutan. Jane Goodall commented that Birute was forced to take months to accomplish what Jane could observe in days because of the different nature of orangutans compared to chimpanzees.

Gradually Birute discovered how to track wild orangutans, observed them for over

100,000 hours, filling her log books with discoveries. She learned that unlike chimpanzees and gorillas who usually live in families or groups, the orangutans are semi-solitary. The males are solitary, and the females are semi-solitary with their offspring attached nonstop to their bodies for the first four years of life. The mother/child bond is very strong for the first eight years of life, and Birute discovered that the eight year birth interval of orangutans in the wild account for only three or four babies in a lifetime. Orangutans are endangered and only about 30,000 are left in the wild.

Dr. Galdikas' expertise lies in two prominent areas: the study of the wild orangutan and the rehabilitation of the ex-captive orphaned orangutan. Dr. Galdikas is conducting the longest ongoing continuous study of any wild mammal in the world by one principal investigator. She has discovered numerous landmark data about orangutans never before known. Dr. Galdikas has also returned over 100 ex-captive orangutans to the wild. She has the most successful program in the world for returning great apes to the wild. She tries to follow nature's plan which is to "mother" them long enough so that they are not traumatized and merely dropped off in the forest.

Poachers have invaded forests, killing the mother orangutans and selling their infants to those who want exotic pets or orangutan skulls as souvenirs. It is estimated that for every one orangutan who makes it alive to some illegal pet shop, eight others have died along the way. This is a sad and tragic business. Dr. Galdikas was the pioneer to establish the Orangutan Foundation Taiwan which is a chapter of the Orangutan Foundation International (OFI)

located in Los Angeles, California, of which she is president. In Taiwan there are at least 500 illegal orangutans. Dr. Galdikas returned the famous Taiwan Ten in 1990, and the OFI chapter in Taiwan has returned twenty-two more since then. The Taiwanese changed their laws to protect the endangered species, and they have begun to enforce their laws better, thanks to her persuasion during her visit to Taiwan in May, 1990.

Logging, of course, is the major cause of the disappearing habitat of orangutans. The trees provide fruit, nuts, bark to eat plus a means of transportation during the day and a place of safety for nesting in the evening. Saving the forest will always be the primary issue for saving these special primates. Dr. Galdikas has a treed planting program and education and awareness program with the children and locals in the area of Tanjung Puting National Park which she helped establish. Rather shy and never seeking the spotlight, Dr. Galdikas nevertheless is becoming a national figure in Indonesia, and she is outspoken about protecting the forest which is essential to save the habitat of the orangutan along with the delicate ecosystem of the precious flora and fauna.

Her stand on conservation is staunch and unwavering. Numerous times her life has been threatened. As a rare conservation/scientist, Dr. Galdikas has received many conservation awards including the Sierra Club's most prestigious Chico Mendez Award. The Sierra Club represents 650,000 and the award was given in Congress at the United States Capitol. In 1986, she founded and is president of the Orangutan Foundation International in Los Angeles (1 800 ORANGUTAN). There are chapters in five countries. She welcomes

membership and participation. There is also a way to visit Camp Leakey in small teams if one is interested.

"My dream is that orangutans can survive in peace and security in their rainforest home," she states, "that will be difficult because it does not depend on orangutans — but on us".

If you wish to learn more about Dr. Galdikas, the Orangutan Foundation, or the rainforest, please call OFI or write to Dr. Birute Galdikas, President of OFI, 822 South Wellesley, Los Angeles, CA 90049. In January, 1995, an autobiography by Dr. Galdikas was published by Little, Brown in New York: Reflections of Eden: My Years with the Orangutans in Borneo.

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Dr. Birute Galdikas

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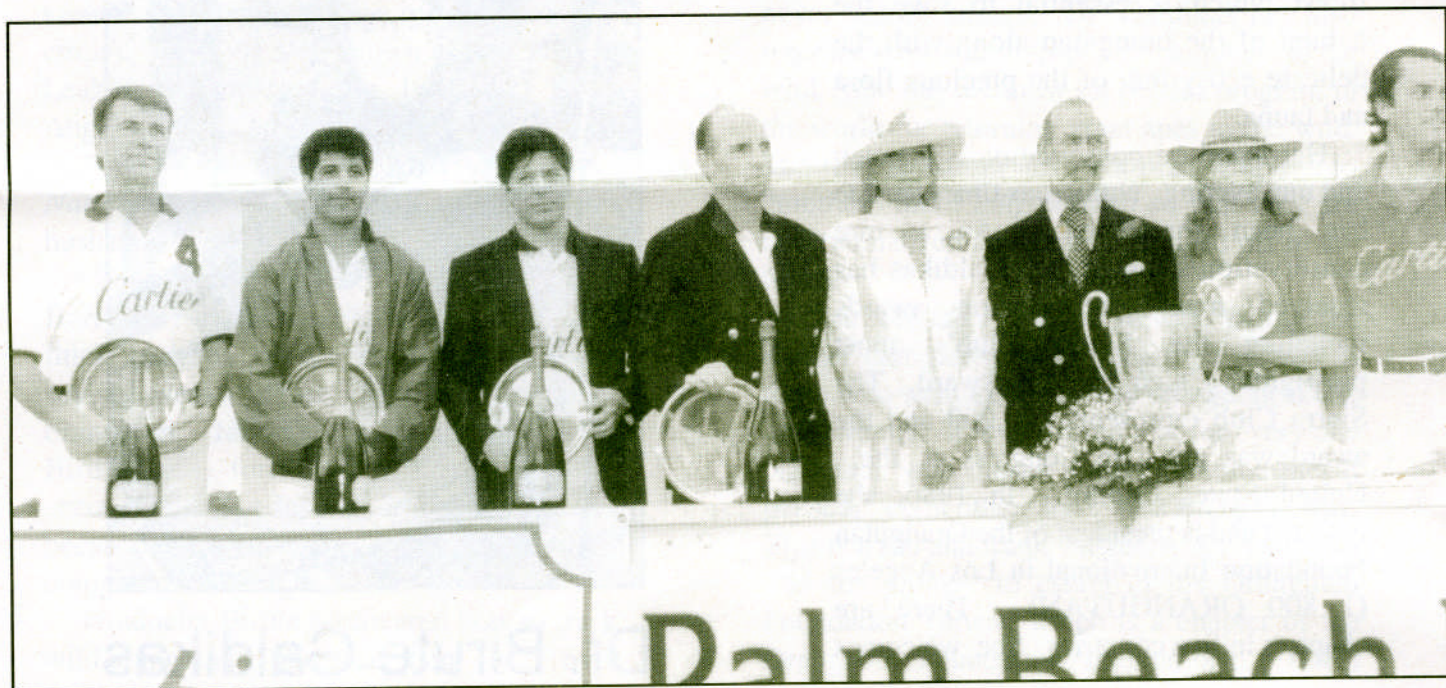
PALM BEACH

January 15th, 1995



Cover of the Palm Beach Daily News

January 15th we celebrated our fifth association with Cartier and our second association with Remy Krug. The beautiful luncheon and fashion show for 500 was presented in a festively decorated tent adjacent to the polo field of The Palm Beach Polo Club. Our co-chairwomen were Mrs. Martin Gruss and Mrs. Edward Cook. Our guests of honor were the Prince and Princess Michael of Kent and our event organizer and hostess with mostest was Mrs. Maggy Scherer. In spite of a downpour of rain the previous day and night the turnout was wonderful and a good time was had by all, including the players who were happy although muddy.



Trophy Presentation



Kelsey Grammer and Johnny Grant,
the Honorary Mayor of Hollywood

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles 5, 1995

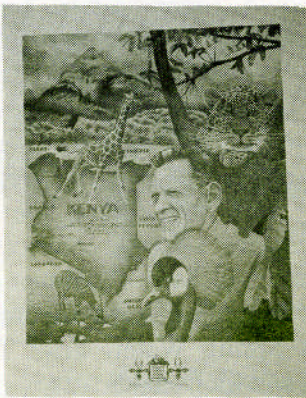
Rain continued to be the order of the day for our event March 5th at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center. Luckily the polo was indoors as was the luncheon but mother nature was not on our side and it was drizzling the entire time. In spite of the wet, spirits were not dampened and great pals and supporters such as David Hasselhoff, Jack Klugman, Katherine Helmond, Roddy McDowall, Sallyer Kellerman, Kay Lentz, Joanna Cassidy, Bree Walker, James Darren, William Devane, Elliott Gould, Johnny Grant, Kathleen Kinmont, Monty Montana, Sarah Purcell, Rip Taylor, and Judy Tenuta turned out for our mounted celebrity parade. Kelsey Grammer treated us all by singing magnificently the National Anthem before the polo match. This event could not have been possible were it not for the generosity and encouragement of our sponsors, Keils', Land Rover, Mr. and Mrs. Gershman, Bankers Trust, House of Seagrams, Anhauser-Bush, Trader Joe's, Ty Nant Spring Water, Fritz Thaller's Alpena Sausages and McDonalds.



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