



THE PERMANENT FUND
of the
HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB

George P. Bates
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

April 25, 2012

Dear Members,

I am writing to you as a Trustee of the Harvard Travellers Club Permanent Fund. The Fund was established in 1937 to assist and promote exploration and travel from which results can be obtained of permanent scientific and educational value, including increased geographical knowledge. The present size of the Permanent Fund assets is approximately \$150,000 which enables us to make grants on an annual basis of up to \$3,000.

At the present time we are looking for someone to help find and evaluate candidates for grants. If you are interested and willing to help, please contact me by phone or email as follows:

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Sincerely,

George P. Bates

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Trustee



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Harvard Travellers Club
FROM: John Osgood Field, President
SUBJECT: Permanent Fund
DATE: January 25, 1990

We are now at the midpoint of the 1989-1990 season, and I would like to tell you where we stand with regard to the Permanent Fund.

Background: The Permanent Fund is the Club's resource for supporting innovative travel, increasingly with regard to research on a variety of subjects. In addition to giving us favorable tax status, the Fund enables the Club to contribute to expeditions and solo ventures, all with some worthy objective. Examples: the Club is currently supporting research on the rain forests of Borneo and a combined U.S. - U.S.S.R. - China climb of Mount Everest. In recent years, we have supported, among others, travel by sailboat from Chile to Antarctica, archeological studies of Pharonic ruins in Sudan and research on giraffe and rhinoceros in Kenya. Our present capital enables us to make grants totalling about \$1000 per year.

Decision: The Council decided last summer to launch a low-key drive to roughly double the resources of the Fund from \$14,000 to \$25,000 over the next year and a half, so that the Harvard Travellers Club will be able to make more significant contributions to deserving beneficiaries. Our goal is to raise some \$11,000 by January, 1991, the date of the 650th meeting of the Club.

Status: We have done well so far, but also not so well. To date, members have contributed \$2,355 to the Permanent Fund, a very good beginning. Unfortunately, only 18 members have contributed, which out of a total membership of over 200, is not impressive.

Request: If this is something you would like to assist, please do so. (If not, OK, we all have our priorities and the Harvard Travellers Club may not rank high.) In effect, this memo is a reminder to those members who would like to contribute but who have yet to do so.

Details: Any contribution, large or small, will be most welcome. Checks may be made out the Harvard Travellers Club; Permanent Fund, and may be mailed to the Secretary-Treasurer at 163 Cottage St. New Bedford, MA 02740. All contributions are tax deductible. Many thanks for your help and support.