

Teachers for East Africa and Teacher Education in East Africa: TEA/TEEA Newsletter, Number 2. February 2000. Published by: Ed Schmidt, 7307 Lindbergh Dr., St. Louis, MO 63117, 314-647-1608, <eschmidt@stlnet.com>. Note: The server name is stlnet, for St. Louis net, not stinet.

Proverb: "Debe tupu haliachi kuuma. " (An empty kerosene can [paraffin tin] does not leave off making a noise.) The proverb might apply to the personage in the unframed picture mentioned in the following letter from R. Freeman (Jay) Butts, former Director of International Studies at TC.

Dear Ed:

What a welcome surprise to find your newsletter in my mail today. I read every word with immense appreciation. I have said many times in many different ways that TEA/TEEA was the single most inspiring experience in what has become my very long professional life.

I congratulate you and all the others who are working to keep the Word alive as long as possible. So, please put my name and address in the directory:  
8545 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923.

You may not believe it, but it was just last Friday that the final decorating of my new unit here at Carmel Valley Manor was finished. And for the first time, I have had put up on the wall several framed photographs of key events and some awards I have received over the years. Two of them deal with international events in which I was privileged to be photographed with presidents of two countries.

The first is a somewhat fuzzy (and unplanned) photo of me introducing Julius Nyerere to Dave Scanlon as Nyerere finished speaking to the final orientation session for the first Groups A and B on the eve of their departure for Kampala on July 12, 1961. Dave and I had gone down to an open hearing at the UN finalizing Tanzania's independence. We sent a note down to Nyerere on the platform asking him to come up to TC on the off chance that he would come to speak to the group - and sure enough he agreed and drove me up in his limousine where Dave and the rest of the group was waiting. Do you remember that?

The other shows Jim Perkins, president of Cornell, introducing me to Lyndon Johnson on the occasion of an International Conference on the World Crisis in Education at Williamsburg in October 1967. Johnson had proposed the International Education Act of 1967 to promote international studies in American schools. But, the Act was never funded as the national revolt against Vietnam was elevating. But it still was a good idea, never consummated.

And I have just turned up a photo of me with a third president, which I probably will never frame. It was taken in the lecture hall of the Department of Education at Makerere where the African Association for Teacher Education was meeting in March 1971. It shows the vice chancellor of Makerere introducing President Idi Amin who gave a short speech of welcome to the association written by Carl Graham. And I am shown on the other side of the table waiting to give the keynote speech of which Idi had preempted half. It should be noted that the Makerere faculty had greeted Amin's overthrow of Milton Obote in January as a "man of the people."

But, enough of recollection of the ups and downs of the 1960s and 1970s. Lets hope we have all learned from our failures as well as from our successes. And TEA/TEEA must surely be counted as one of our most cherished successes, even if it benefited us more than it did our counterparts.

In case you are wondering where I came in, it was because I was thrust into the picture as Director of International Studies at TC just in time to go with Dave Scanlon and Gray Cowan of Columbia's African Studies to each of the East African countries in February of 1961. We got signed undertakings that they wanted TC to do the job under AID. We arrived home exhilarated and exhausted on February 28th, only to wake up the next

morning to find that JFK had appointed Shriver to be head of a Peace Corps that would send teachers all over the world. No wonder AID had moved so fast!

I keep busy with the Center for Civic Education headquartered in Calabasas, CA which is developing programs in education for democratic citizenship for all parts of the world as well as for the U.S. Several pieces I have written in recent years are available at its website <[www.civiced.org](http://www.civiced.org)>.

I'll be glad to send a few bucks to help you with expenses. But mostly my thanks for your efforts and those of all the others you mention in your letter.

Very best, R. Freeman Butts (widely known simply as J)

#### CONTINUING SAGA OF COMPILING THE NEW DIRECTORY, Sept-Dec 1999.

The publication of the first newsletter stimulated a flurry of responses. In September the directory contained the names of about 140 TEA/TEEA vets. By year's end the list has grown to about 250. Keep up the good work folks! Often when a person is found, he or she will know the whereabouts of one or more others. In September, Jack Varnum sent an extensive list of TEEA people, spanning several years and showing former home towns for members of some TEEA years. TEEA people tended to be older when recruited and and have proven to be more likely to return to where they were before their African experience.

In October, John Dwyer sent a copy of the passenger list for his group's 1962 Pan Am charter flight from NY-Paris which his mother had saved when he mailed it to his parents. The list included children -- Master Benjamin Dierauf, Miss Alison Spake, etc. -- and the menu for the in flight meal: cream of asparagus soup; rock Cornish game hen stuffed with wild rice, buttered garden peas; salad; French pastry; coffee or tea; and at a nominal charge, selected French wines.

Jim Landewe sent several old TEEA lists, including the TC directories published in 66, 67, and 68 for those waves. Ray and Nancy Cook sent TC's 1968 list showing all existing and new postings to teacher training colleges (TTCs) in East Africa. Linda Donaldson sent a list showing the seminar assignments schedule for her group, 3C.

Due to the influx of data about TEEA, the directory has grown considerably, especially for TEEA. Not much has been done on the directory since the beginning of December, but I intend to begin working on it again soon. If you have sent me information on someone and their name does not appear in the directory you may wish to remind me or inquire. I don't want to overlook anyone. TASK: Does anyone have the TC lists, which probably include hometowns and universities or colleges, for waves TEA2, TEA3, TEEA2, or TEEA6? If so, please let me know so I can arrange to get a copy.

TEA/TEEA in the news. Betty Castor has been named the president of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She will retain a Tampa residence.

A recent TEA internet search produced an article in the Pittsburgh, Tribune-Review on Peter Battenweiser's philanthropic activities and support of Democratic candidates.

#### RECENT DEATHS.

Arlene Pizzi (TEEA4). From Lois Carwile: I was shocked to hear of Arlene's passing. She so enjoyed life. Had a Morgan horse that she entered in jumping events even until recently. She was about 85, but didn't act it. I have a picture of her in her early 80's going over a jump, slim, trim and pure Arlene.

Colin Matthew (British TEA and husband of Sue Curry Matthew of TEA3). Oct. 29, 1999. Described in the British newspaper, *The Independent*, "whom many regarded as the outstanding modern British political historian of his generation... the driving force and linchpin of the *New Dictionary of National Biography* ... to make it an indispensable tool of scholarly research." Professor of Modern History, Oxford University. Sue and Colin were married in

1966. Two sons, one daughter.

Julius Nyerere. Former elementary school teacher who became Tanganyika's first president during the pre-independence period and continued in that role through the annexation of Zanzibar to form Tanzania and for many years thereafter. Continued to play a role in Tanzanian politics after he stepped down as president. Nyerere addressed TEA1 during our initial training at Columbia in 1961.

REUNION TALK. Interest in a reunion is growing. In December, I created a small group to begin exchanging ideas. In forming a "committee," I tried to create a group of individuals who had shown interest in a reunion and might have some time to give. I tried to get geographical as well as TEA/TEEA-wave diversity. All now have email. The list includes Victoria Anielski Barkero, John H. Bing, Philip Bly, Gene Child, Leal G. Dickson, Mary E. Hines, Dean McHenry, Lee Smith, Larry Olds, Sue Nanka-Bruce, John Varnum, Carl Graham, and Ed Schmidt. Anyone who has a burning desire to be included in this list and has email should let me know.

Location. Several people have expressed preferences for locations in the Midwest and East. Overall, TC is a leading choice. The present thrust is to see if TC will play a role in planning the reunion in the summer of 2001, the 40th anniversary of the beginning of the program. Hopefully, there will be more to report in the next newsletter.

In the meantime, you are urged to get together with others in your area and to reconnect with old acquaintances. Lee Smith organized a mini-reunion for people in the Washington, DC area for the Monday before Thanksgiving. Lee writes: "Ed, The TEA/TEEA DC area reunion came off as planned and comments were positive. I hope that we have unearthed some energy for joint planning from this area. Those who showed were Vince Battle, Sonia Bivins (and husband Isaac), Cal Brooks (and wife Penny), Dave Court (and friend Nancy), Dave Imig (and wife Carol), Shelby Lewis, Jack Maas, Ron Reddick (and wife Mengit and daughter) and my wife Leopoldine and me. Ron Reddick proposed that TEA/TEEAers and Makerere grads in the U.S. be invited to help the University to get back on its feet and Dave Court (a British TEAer who is at the World Bank) contributed some research on the University he was doing. We seemed to come to consensus that TCCU should do something about the reunion site.... Of course many of us thought Makerere would be a great site and I had heard from Dudley Sims (Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam) who expressed his willingness to do what he could from the Africa side. I believe that we will be able to get something together for 2001. Cheers, Lee"

COSTS. Thanks to your generosity, the costs of this issue, and probably the next, are covered. A couple of contributions of \$50, a few in the \$20-\$25 range, as well as about 20 at \$10 make up our "income." Expenses for postage and printing *before* this issue goes to the printer have been about \$130. If you haven't yet contributed to this effort, you are encouraged to do so. The recommended amount is \$10. Contributions are voluntary. If you have email and haven't sent me your email address, please do.

YOUR STORIES. In the first newsletter, you were asked to submit a brief profile of yourself. The responses, along with tidbits from your letters, follow. I'd like to have news from you be a regular feature of this newsletter, so if you haven't sent in your profile, it's not too late. Hal Sondrol would like to see news items about former students and their families that you have helped or with whom you have remained in contact. I can also start collecting those items for a future issue. Expect the next issue midyear.

Chuck Gillies: When we came home from Africa because I had no teaching credentials or education degree I was shunted into private education and taught (junior and secondary high school math) in Rockland County, New York and then in Princeton, New Jersey where I

began life as an administrator. Then to Evanston, Illinois as Headmaster of my own school, then to become Headmaster, Secondary Schools, The International School of Brussels, then Headmaster of a small private school in Traverse City, Michigan. Then a break from education when I went into the oil and gas business (!) in Michigan and finally became an oil and gas lawyer, 25 years after law school, in Lansing, Michigan. Finally a return to education as a boarding school teacher in Blairstown, New Jersey. Obviously a mess - some successful, some mixed. I have been retired now for six years here in Amherst, Massachusetts. Much of my time goes into an organization called Five College Learning in Retirement, an elder hostel affiliated group that is spawning such peer learning groups around the country. I am a member of their Board and various committees and a moderator of several courses these last three years.

We were saddened by the recent death of Julius Nyerere - even if he did help screw up the country. We met him, twice actually, once at Teachers' College and then at an airport in East Africa when we were putting a visiting relative on a plane back home. We are much interested in the world outside the U.S., but Africa has somehow not maintained first place. My wife, Janet, spent many of her younger years in Beirut and Middle Eastern issues have been more commanding.

Linda Lenhardt Donaldson: Moved from Kenya to Tanzania (1967) to Nigeria (1968) to England--for 3 years--and then to Minneapolis (1971) where I've lived ever since. Have worked (hard!) as political activist for DFL party here, Women's groups and Dem Party--was national Dem for Carter. Served as Presidential Appointee to Commission for Presidential Scholars for 4 years. Worked ptime for years as freelance writer, editor and as journalist for Sun Suburban Newspapers, doing feature stories. Taught science workshops to kids through MPLS Parks summer program. Served as volunteer for numerous groups and on boards of directors for nonprofit in twin cities. Have been writing fiction and poetry seriously but not always full time since mid-eighties.

In 1994 I was accepted into Hamline University's Masters in Liberal Studies program and am now finishing up a book length synthesis for it, having finished all coursework last year. Its title is "A Leopard at the Saltlicks: Visions from the Outside in Travel and Literature" c.LMD, 1999. (Just as you noted, like most TEA'ers, the experience was an important part of my life and informed much of my piece. I miss teaching full time and always will! When I returned to US there was a glut of teachers in this area so I "flexibly" punted, volunteering in MPLS schools, teaching and putting on workshops on politics or activism or writing for small groups, etc. I am teaching Creative Writing to seniors next semester through Com Ed program here. Live on a lake and work in Plymouth, a suburb of MPLS, where my husband, an artist now, also has a studio. We have 4 adult children, and three grandchildren.

George Kay: TEEA did have an effect on us as we never really went back to a normal life. After the TEEA tour I took a job in the international school in Bangkok and from there 3 assignments with UNESCO and then retired.

Sonia Hylton Bivens: Presently I am director of a private non-profit educational organization (New Orleans Public Schools Scholarship Foundation) which awards college scholarships to public school students of New Orleans. I spend a great deal of time fund raising for NOPSSF and would welcome any suggestions of funding sources and/or donors. Please encourage former TEA/TEEA'ers to call when they are in town.

Frank and Barbara Cochrane: We were at St Mark's College, Embu, Kenya. In 1997 we traveled back there and had a great time visiting the college....even found a couple of people who remembered us! And in Nairobi we saw our principal and his family. It was a good trip, for we also visited many of the places we had been in 67-69.

Jack and Robin van Lutsenburg Maas: We were married in 1961, 3 years before entering TEEA in Uganda in 1964 for 3 great years. Two of our 3 kids were born in Uganda [Mulago Hospital]. They are all married and we now have 3 grandchildren!

After doing grad school at TC, we went back to Uganda in 1969 with a Fulbright fellowship to do my dissertation research and I stayed on as Lecturer in Socioeconomic Aspects of Education at the Faculty of Education at Makerere U. We fled Uganda with lots of others in 1972 when Idi Amin went berserk. But till then they were great years, with lots of wonderful friendships with TEAers and others. I joined the education sector of World Bank and have just kept drawing upon my TEEA experience ever since, whether I was working on Africa, Asia or Latin America. It was really a life investment. And it has been great working with other TEAers at the World Bank like Clifford Gilpin, Peter Mook and Ward Heneveld.

Two years ago, after seeing how disappointingly little the Bank was accomplishing relative to the need for education, after 35 years lending exclusively to the public sector, I decided it was time to try mobilizing more private sector resources so I got myself transferred from the Bank itself to the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group, which is our arm for investing in private companies or institutions. To cut a long story short, IFC is now investing in education too. And seven out of first 11 education investments have been in Africa, all of them small, single school investments, often owned by ex-school teachers, most of them women, who got frustrated with all the red tape and decided to strike out on their own as entrepreneurs. It is great fun.

Vincent Battle: I stayed on in Uganda til 1975, both on a Fulbright, teaching on local contract and finally three years as a lecturer at the Faculty of Education at Makerere 1972-75. I revisited Uganda in 1990 and again this past Christmas/New Year.

Peter Sellers: After Kangaru I returned to graduate school and eventually got a doctorate in math, and joined the faculty of the Rochester University in New York, where I still am after some 30 years. My wife directed student plays at Kangaru and went on to a career in play-directing at schools and colleges.

Ray and Marge Bassett: Since we went to Kenya after retirement, we were older than most tutors. We are now 90 & 91, and I do not believe it would be possible or sensible of us to try a reunion. Should some great event turn back time, we might consider but not likely. We correspond with a Kenyatta student and are assisting her son in college in the U. S.

Victoria Anielski Barbero: My experience with TEA certainly changed my life. Coming from Ohio, it broadened my horizons immensely. I have worked in New York (Brooklyn College) in a teacher mentor-counselor program, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia at Haile Salassie I University as a lecturer, and finally in a number of consulting firms as a Communications Consultant, in California mostly. Still active in international areas -- I volunteer and chair the International Relations Section of the Commonwealth Club of California.

Joe Biersteker: Our daughter, Ann, went with us and taught English at Kenyatta College. She then went on to get a Ph.D. in Linguistics and now teaches Swahili at Yale.

Lois Carwile: I left teaching early to take care of my mother in 1980. In 1984, I became a docent at the LA Zoo and in 1989 became a volunteer keeper, working mainly with the elephants. In 1994, after 5 1/2 volunteer years, I was hired as a part time keeper in the elephant barn, worked also with large mammals and great apes as a relief keeper or assistant keeper. I was 71 when I started my paid job. Lost it 2 1/2 years later when I took the full time exam and passed it higher than the young sprouts. As a probational full timer at

73 1/2, I didn't stand a chance of being passed with younger people on the list. Fellow keepers wanted me to sue for age discrimination. It was a great eight years of physical conditioning -- muscles and weight well in control! Haven't felt as well since. Wish I had known as much about mammals, birds, and reptiles as I do now when I worked in Uganda.

Ray and Nancy Cook: We really enjoyed our experience in E. Africa and still feel we had in a small way made real progress in our TEEA goal. We still are in correspondence with a couple former students and the family of our houseman at Kenyatta College. We'd love to go back for a visit.

John Orr Dwyer: Earned a Ph.D. in African History from Columbia. Have held faculty and administrative positions at Pomona College, Centre College of Kentucky, and the University of Detroit Mercy. Since 1994, have been Associate Executive Director on the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Married in 1965, three children.

Kenyon Griffin: In the middle of my first term I journeyed back to Kampala to marry my fiancée. Living among missionaries was an experience -- eased somewhat by Hoffer's *The True Believer*. Leah was a volunteer teacher at the local elementary school and at the Dodoma Town School. We had a baby girl shortly before returning to the states in December 1993.

I eventually got a PhD in Political science (Dissertation on missionaries as change agents in East Africa) and we have lived in Wyoming since 1970. Leah and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary with a trip back to East Africa in 1987, including a visit to Dodoma. I retired from the University of Wyoming earlier this year and now "consult" (in contrast to being "unemployed"). Leah has not retired; she teaches K-6 art in two local schools.

Paul Mayerson: As a result of some research that I accomplished in my first assignment, I was able to complete my PhD and was invited back to Uganda to join a Ford Foundation/Ministry of Education/TCCU project to write new textbooks for Uganda primary schools. When TEEA folded in 1971, TCCU asked me to go to Afghanistan and work on language textbook development for that country. It was there that I met Alex Cutler a second time as he joined the same project that I was involved in. Congress removed funding for our project in 1977 and ever hopeful of a change-of-heart, I stayed on as Director of the English Language Program at U.S.I.S. From that post I was asked to become the headmaster of the American International School of Kabul. As the political situation deteriorated, we lost more and more of our students and eventually my wife, Joan, and I were advised to leave the country in April 1980.

We had purchased a small cottage in England for such an eventuality and so returned there where I was accepted at Ridley Hall Theological College at Cambridge University and was ordained a priest in the Church of England in 1982. I served in that capacity for eight years in rural parishes in Canterbury Diocese and finally retired in 1990. Having previously purchased a small motor home in the USA we spent the next five years traveling in North America for six months or so and the rest of the year in England. In 1992/1993 I was asked by the Department of State to go to Portugal and help the American International School in Lisbon through a difficult period.

In 1995 we decided that it was time to return to the US and so located in New Hampshire. I keep busy as a Docent at the Squam Lakes Nature Science Center, as Director/Conductor of the Center Harbor Town Band, as the president of our local library and supplying on request in area churches. My wife Joan, who was a tutor at Namutamba and Shimoni TTCs as a local hire, is very active as a gardener, plays an important role as an alternate trustee of the library and also serves as a Docent at the SLNSC.

Joann Coleman Forster: In April 1970 I married my former headmaster, Al Forster, of Dr. Obote College. Our next contract, on leaving EA in 72, was with the Australian government, teaching in Papua New Guinea until 76. We had a spell back in the US, teaching in Yuma, AZ for three long years. Having settled Al's children in the US with green cards and lucrative jobs, we signed on with a private school in Taiz, Yemen, where we became involved with an exciting new academic program for secondary schools called International Baccalaureate. From Yemen we went to Sri Lanka, then on to Kuwait and finally Hawaii, continuing to work with the IB Program in secondary schools. We retired in to Green Valley, AZ where we one of our pleasurable pastimes is entertaining friends we have made from all over the world and visiting them in their home countries. Our teaching experiences have been varied and challenging, and we thoroughly enjoyed our students. What more could educators ask for?

Jack Paarlberg: Every time my family and I get together to talk about our experiences in East Africa, the children say "Dad, it's the greatest gift you ever gave us." The greatest I ever gave myself too. I suspect I had one of the largest families to go over....a wife and five children. My daughter attended the local secondary school, one musinga among seven hundred Africans, and she can still speak Swahili after all these years. As of this time I am a retired mathematics teacher enjoying four months, Dec - Mar, in wonderful St. Augustine, FL where there is 24 miles of beach and the rest is history. The remainder of the year is spent in our home at Hampton Beach, NH. I just bought a computer and just learning how it operates. I must say it's the most frustrating experience since teaching the quadratic formula to a class of Upgraders back in '68.

Mansfield Snyder: I married the Fulbrighter with whom I taught in Japan, 59-60, returned to Virginia to teach for three years -- then we came here to Hawaii to live permanently. I taught here at high schools in Honolulu until I retired in 1990 after teaching a total of 40 years. My wife died in 1997.

A reunion sounds good -- indeed good! I know friends in all parts of the US from the location of the reunion -- when and if -- I can extend the time and via rented car travel to these friends.

Jack Varnum: After leaving Kisii, my wife, Alice, and I returned to Havre, MT where I put in another eighteen years at Northern Montana College and Alice taught at the elementary school on the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation before retiring to Polson, MT. After four years of house building, I went back to academia, becoming a development officer and grant writer for Salish Kootenai College, a small tribal college at Pablo, MT. After four more years, I retired again, this time for good. Since then we usually spend our time traveling or working on lots of various hobbies.

Gloria Lindsey Alibaruho: I lived in California for 10 years after I returned from EA. Thereafter, I did a local hire in Uganda for two and a half years. I am preparing to retire from the school system here in Georgia. I have also been doing consultantcies for the World Health Organization, UNDO-Africa, and even the World Bank where I read so much of Ward Heneveld's stuff and did not know he was former TEA. I am a great admirer of his education work. I am in and out of Africa at least twice a year. I married a Ugandan but have been divorced for many years. I am in Uganda almost every December except this one for I have obligations here. I just returned from Elima, Ghana on Saturday last. (Letter dated 9/15/99.)

Dale Otto, TEA1 Chavakali SS (with Robert Maxon): English and Chemistry. On returning to the U.S., I completed an M.A. (English) and a Certificate in TESL at UCLA (1964-66). Then, with my new bride Elizabeth (a painter), we lived in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia where I taught English at Haile Selassie I. Univ. and did Peace Corps training (1966-68). Back to

UCLA for Ph.D work in Early Childhood Education and second language learning and teaching, plus a year of teaching English in an inner-city junior high school in Long Beach (1968-71).

Then to Central Washington University for 27 years of professing Early Childhood Ed. (teacher preparation, especially in language matters) and bilingual education/second language teaching. This period included two children (now adults), various administrative and program development work, and teaching or research in Mexico, Japan, China and Zimbabwe (1971-98).

I retired a year ago and we moved to Salem, Oregon to assist and enjoy Elizabeth's aged parents. We'll return to Zimbabwe (Africa University) in January, 2000, for more teaching and program development assistance.