



Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation  
5th Floor, Hunt Library  
Carnegie Mellon University  
4909 Frew Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890  
Contact: Archives  
Telephone: 412-268-2434  
Email: [huntinst@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:huntinst@andrew.cmu.edu)  
Web site: [www.huntbotanical.org](http://www.huntbotanical.org)

The Hunt Institute is committed to making its collections accessible for research. We are pleased to offer this digitized version of an item from our Archives.

#### *Usage guidelines*

We have provided this low-resolution, digitized version for research purposes. To inquire about publishing any images from this item, please contact the Institute.

#### *About the Institute*

The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

LOWELL THOMAS  
HONORARY PRESIDENT

DR. WALTER A. WOOD  
PRESIDENT

# THE EXPLORERS CLUB



TELEPHONE  
628-8383

CABLE ADDRESS  
"CLUBEXPLOR" NEW YORK

46 EAST 70TH STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10021

September 30, 1969

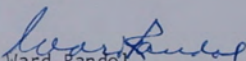
Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua, Guatemala  
Central America

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Some weeks ago, as you may recall, I sent a letter requesting recipes for a forthcoming cookbook that we are publishing and I had hoped to hear from you. Surely you must know of some interesting native Guatemalan dishes to include in this collection and, if so, we would be most pleased to receive a few. Also, if this is a possibility, would you include a photo of yourself taken during your many travels. The photo will be returned.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ward Rando  
Executive Director

WR/dea

LOWELL THOMAS  
HONORARY PRESIDENT

DR. WALTER A. WOOD  
PRESIDENT

# THE EXPLORERS CLUB



TELEPHONE  
628-8383

CABLE ADDRESS  
"CLUBEXPLOR" NEW YORK

46 EAST 70TH STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10021

May 7, 1970

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

This will acknowledge receipt of your check in the amount of \$10.00 as a contribution to The Explorers Club in response to my letter of April 11th. Our official receipt is attached for your income tax purposes.

On behalf of the officers and directors, I would like to thank you for your continuing interest in The Explorers Club and its programs.

Sincerely yours,

*Ward Randol*  
Ward Randol  
Executive Director

:jd  
Attachment

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua, Guatemala  
Central America

*Would you consider proposing your nephew at  
Coconut Grove or more properly at the Fairchild  
gardens for membership? If you wish sponsor  
him I'd be glad to act as his Co-Sponsor -  
I'll be glad to hear from you. WR*



## THE EXPLORERS CLUB

46 EAST 70th STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10021

May 7, 1970

The Officers and Directors of The Explorers Club gratefully acknowledge your generous gift of \$.....10.00.....

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua, Guatemala  
Central America

Gordon Phelps,  
*Treasurer*

Antigua, Guatemala, 12 May 1970

Mr. Ward Randol  
Executive Director  
The Explorers Club  
New York.

Dear Mr. Randol:

Your letter of the 7th has just come. Your footnote reminds me that I have for a long time wanted my son, Hugh Popenoe, to become a member of the Explorers Club, and now you mention my nephew, John Popenoe who is Director of the Fairchild Tropical Garden near Miami, Florida.

Both these rascals ought by all means to belong to the Club. I have talked about it with Hugh several times. Hugh, who is Director of the Center for Tropical Agriculture at the University of Florida, has travelled very widely in the tropical world, investigating the possibilities of agricultural development, and is fully qualified for active membership. My nephew John has done quite a bit of horticultural exploration in tropical America and is qualified. How can we get these two fellows into the Club?

I have lost touch with the costs since I became an emeritus member (the last time I looked at the roster, it seems to me there were only 19 members who had been admitted before myself) so if you will tell me what it costs to join, and what are the annual dues for ACNR (is that right? Active Non-Resident) I may get them interested by telling them I will put up the cash to get them started.

Though officially retired, I am still active here in Central (and northern South) America in connection with the development of fruit culture, especially the really new field of temperate zone fruits for the tropical highlands. I have been much interested in following the activities of our Club, in which I can see that you are taking a large part, and I want especially to mention what a fine job is being done on the Explorer Journal.

Last September you asked me for recipes which might be interesting for the cookbook on which you were working. I felt I could not offer anything which was very interesting. To my mind, our most interesting dishes here (such as guacamole) are of Mexican origin (though I may be wrong; I am sure many guatemaltecos would not agree with me), and I think some of the South American countries produce dishes more definitely different from what I would call the standard U.S. diet. In my 53 years in tropical America, I have traveled widely, and the countries which I have most enjoyed native dishes have been, in the order named: Mexico, Ecuador, Peru and Cuba though the good grub in the Pearl of the Antilles was really Spanish of course.

With best regards,

Cordially yours

Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus

LOWELL THOMAS  
HONORARY PRESIDENT

DR. WALTER A. WOOD  
PRESIDENT

# THE EXPLORERS CLUB



TELEPHONE  
628-8383

CABLE ADDRESS  
"CLUBEXPLOR" NEW YORK

46 EAST 70TH STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10021

May 18, 1970

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It was very good of you to respond as you did to my footnote in my letter of May 7. We would all be delighted to have both your son, Hugh, and your nephew, John, to become members of the Club. I assume that there would be no question about their scientific background and, therefore, their classifications would qualify them for Fellows of the Club.

The Entrance Fee for a Fellow is \$25.00 and the annual dues are \$25.00 a year so that \$50.00 would be the initial outlay for each of these young men and \$25.00 a year thereafter.

To help you along, I am enclosing several application blanks together with the instruction sheets and dues cards.

I have met John and was instrumental in securing a great deal of material of interest to him and the Fairchild Tropical Gardens by selecting material from Edward Beckwith's estate which was offered to The Explorers Club. Mrs. Edward C. Sweeney is one of his principal backers and you probably will recall that her husband was elected President of this organization three times and that he died in office in 1967.

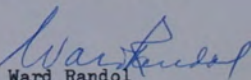
I know that Mrs. Sweeney would be interested in having John become a member of The Explorers Club and with your interest in having both Hugh and John join the organization, I see no barriers whatsoever. I would like to suggest that you act as sponsor for both men. In doing so it would be necessary for you to sign as sponsor and write us an informative letter in connection with each application.

I will be glad to act as co-sponsor for John but I am sure there will be no problem in getting someone at the University to serve as co-sponsor for Hugh.

In any case I am very pleased at your response to my suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua, Guatemala  
Central America

  
Ward Randolph  
Executive Director

PROCEDURE FOR COMPLETING PROPOSAL FOR  
MEMBERSHIP IN THE EXPLORERS CLUB.

Three members must endorse and sign a proposal for membership. Two of these members must write a letter on behalf of the applicant addressed to the Membership Committee. A candidate who lives, or has a place of business within 50 miles of City Hall, New York, is considered "Resident" as distinct from "Non-Resident" and must be known to two members of the Board of Directors and one member of the Membership Committee.

The names of the members of the Board of Directors, and the Membership Committee, are shown on the inside of the cover of the "Explorers Journal."

<u>Fees and Dues are:</u>	<u>Entrance Fee</u>	<u>Annual Dues</u>
Resident Fellow	\$25.00	\$50.00
Resident Members	50.00	90.00
Non-Resident Fellow	25.00	25.00
Non-Resident Member	50.00	50.00

The Secretary





# THE EXPLORERS CLUB

## PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP (Application must be typed)

Name .....  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Title or Rank)

Home Address .....   
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Business Address .....   
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Telephone number .....  
(Home) (Business)

### Check box where club notices are to be sent

Place of Birth ..... Date of Birth ..... Citizenship.....

.....  
(Occupation)

Educational background: list colleges, universities attended, degrees or rank attained, giving year in which received .....

Field Experience: list expeditions in which candidate has participated giving full details as to position held, objectives and results attained in each expedition.

State membership in or connections with Scientific Institutions, Societies, National or Regional Services, etc.

### SIGNATURES

(Name must be typed below signature)

Sponsor ..... Applicant .....

Co-Sponsor ..... Date filed .....

Articles, Books or Maps published (give publisher's name and year of issue)

Has applicant given lectures? Yes  No  If yes, state subject, year and place.

Previous positions held by Applicant:

Has Applicant met other Members of The Explorers Club? Yes  No  If yes, list below:

Use space below for any additional information which applicant may wish to give in support of candidacy. Use additional sheets if required. Copies of publications, articles, etc. prepared by candidate may be attached. A photograph of the applicant, though not compulsory, is desired.



## THE EXPLORERS CLUB

### PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

Sponsors should see that all appropriate portions of the application are filled in by the candidate. Especially important are the portions referring to expeditions, and publication of results of such expeditions. Reprints should be submitted if available. Bibliographies of the candidate's publications are desirable. Sponsors should ask the candidate to sign the blank on the line provided. Sponsors and co-sponsors should also sign and should type or print their names below, for identification.

Both sponsor and co-sponsor should write a letter to the Membership Committee, outlining the candidate's qualifications and stressing his explorations and contributions to knowledge. Letters should state for how long and how well the sponsor knows the candidate. A photograph is requested for the Club archives, but is not obligatory.

After the completed application blank and two supporting letters is received, the name of the applicant is posted for 30 days on the Club's Bulletin Board. After completion of posting, the application will be reviewed by the Membership Committee, which will first consider the candidate's admission to the Club, and then the category of membership. The recommendations of the Membership Committee next go to the Executive Committee and then to the Board of Directors which has final authority for election.

The category of membership is determined by the Membership Committee and not by the sponsors. The qualifications for "Member" is that the candidate has evidenced a definite interest and has contributed in broad terms to the cause of exploration, for example, through sponsoring or accompanying expeditions, in furthering scientific knowledge of the world. The qualifications for "Fellow" go beyond this, to actual contribution to scientific knowledge in the field of geographical exploration or allied sciences. Such additions to knowledge are usually evidenced by scientific publications.

Extensive travel without a scientific purpose or objective, or big game hunting in remote parts of the world, do not represent sufficient qualifications for Fellowship. On the other hand, active participation in a field trip sponsored by a recognized scientific organization, university or museum will be given serious consideration, even if the results are merely incorporated in the general findings of the expedition. Details should be given of the work done by the candidate, the name of the sponsoring institution, the general objectives and the results attained.

All the privileges of the Club are extended to both classes, Members or Fellows, of the Club. Either can hold office. There is basically no distinction between the two classes except that Fellowship is a form of higher recognition for notable scientific contributions. There is also a difference in the yearly dues. A regular Member may, through additional field studies and scientific accomplishments, be transferred to Fellowship. In this instance, the Member must file with the Membership Committee a request for reclassification, conveying justification for transfer. The Membership Committee will decide whether sufficient grounds are given and will make its recommendation to the Board of Directors which has the final authority.

When publications exist, but are restricted, this should be stated in the application. Restricted reports are generally regarded as contributions to knowledge since it is presumed that they will eventually be published. Military personnel who have prepared restricted maps and other reports on little-known areas can well qualify. The leader of a group that gained significant geographic or related scientific knowledge, especially if he was responsible for the conception and planning of the work, may be eligible when the rank and file of personnel, merely complying with the exigencies of the service, may not.

A Resident Member is defined as one who has a usual place of business or residence within 50 miles of City Hall, New York City. All others are Non-Resident.

**OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICA:** The sponsor should be a member of the Club. If no other member of the Club is known to the applicant or available, a letter of recommendation from a non-member of the Club, a noted person well acquainted with the candidate, will be considered sufficient in support of the application. The member of the Club sponsoring the candidate must also sign the application form to be filed with the Membership Committee. If the sponsors have some questions in regard to the proper filing of the application, they should contact the Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Antigua, Guatemala, 7 October 1970

Mr Ward Randol, Executive Director  
The Explorers Club  
46 East 70th Street, New York NY 10021

Dear Mr Randol:

On May 18 last you wrote me regarding membership for my son Hugh and my nephew John Popenee. Both these rascals are fully qualified, both have Ph.D's and both have done scientific exploration of merit. As you mention, John knows Mrs Sweeney very well, because of the latter's close association with the Fairchild Tropical Garden of which John is Director. There is no problem in connection with a co-sponsor for either of these Popenees. But so far I have not been able to get them to join us. I have just returned from four months in Europe and shall start to work again on these two.

I have another relative, by marriage, who would like to join but is not qualified for Fellowship. I would say Associate Non Resident, if we still have that category. He is Fritz Rosenthal, born in Germany with a doctorate in chemistry from Geneva and now living in New Jersey. He is interested in exploration; has done some travelling, but not scientific exploration. Do we still have the \$15 a year rate for men like Fritz? If so, let me know and I line things up, including a sponsor.

Best regards always.

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenee

Antigua, Guatemala, 22 Novbr 1970

Mr Ward Randol, Executive Director  
The Explorers Club  
New York City.

Dear Mr Randol:

Referring to my letter to you of 7 October last, I

Have not yet had an opportunity to work on my son Hugh Popenoe or my nephew John Popenoe regarding membership in the Club. Both are well qualified to be Fellows, but both are holding off on the expense. I shall have to wait until I see them again, which will be within the next few months; then I am going to tell them that I will pay the entrance fees and the first five years due as Fellows if the Club will receive them as such. I will get Kay Sweeney to help me work on John, with whom she is closely associated in Florida.

I am now sending you the application of my cousin by marriage Dr Fritz Rosenthal. I am not bothering with all the documentation you require in the formulario you sent me; I don't believe for simple membership, and with two old-timers like Knowles Ryerson and myself as sponsors, you really need it, do you? Fritz is well qualified for non-resident membership; some day you will want to make him a Fellow. I hope you will go ahead and process his application, as they say these days. If there is anything more I must do, just drop me a line.

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe  
Emeritus