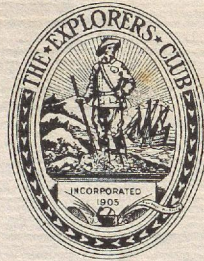


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Dr. Monkombu S. Swaminathan
81 Shahjehan Road
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Dear Dr. Swaminathan:

We are aware of your distinguished scientific career, and in particular your wheat research.

Your accomplishments are such that we are interested in proposing to our Admissions Committee that it consider the possibility of your joining the many other distinguished individuals in The Explorers Club. In addition to accomplishments, the Admissions Committee bases its determination of new members on whether interests of an applicant complement or parallel those of the Club.

The enclosed brochure outlines the role of the Club and the scope of its activity as an institution of serious purpose dedicated to the continuing search for knowledge. The Explorers Club is not a social organization, but rather a society of men of impressive attainments in diverse fields.

Should you wish to consider this proposal, let me know, and we will send the traditional membership form. Accompanying it would be an information sheet which outlines categories of membership, dues structure and other details, particularly as regards the basis on which members are elected. Upon receipt of the completed application from you, I would, as Chairman of the Membership Committee, present it to the Admissions Committee, with my recommendation, for review.

In the meantime, we extend our congratulations and best wishes to you in your good work.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis Cotlow
Lewis Cotlow

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Enc.

D.O.No.C. 9603/CFL/79 *to mail*

July 31, 1979

Dear Mr. Cotlow,

... I thank you for your letter dated 20th July, 1979 informing me that you would like to elect me as a Member of the Explorers Club. I thank you for your generous sentiments. I enclose a bio-data sheet.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

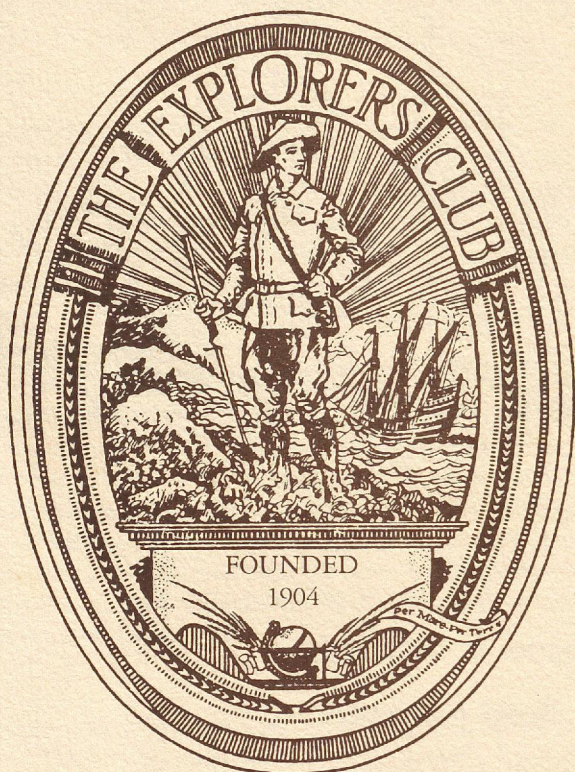
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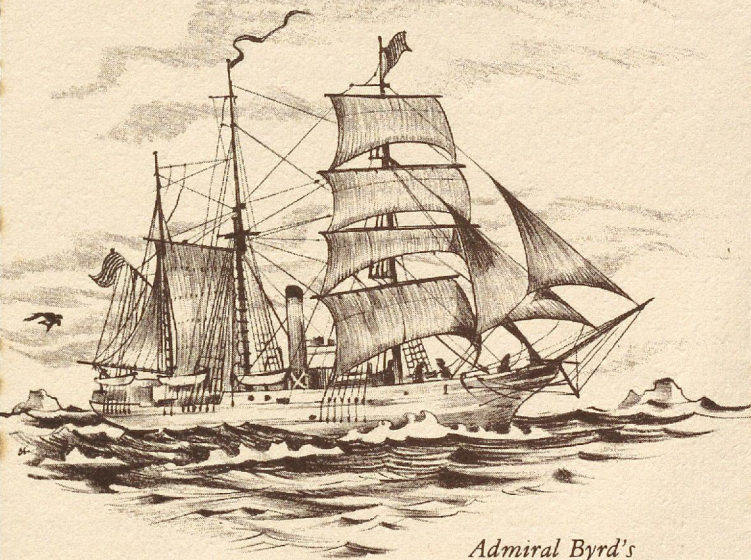
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THE EXPLORERS CLUB TODAY

From its founding in 1904 to its present status as one of the world's most distinguished societies, The Explorers Club has served as an international focal point in the search for new knowledge.

The Explorers Club Flag, wherever raised, has become a worldwide symbol of mankind's finest endeavors and highest achievements. It was with Admiral Peary when he reached the North Pole, and with Roald Amundsen at the South Pole. It has been carried to the moon, and to the depths of the ocean.

The Club's scope of activity has expanded from its original emphasis on geographical exploration. Present horizons include discoveries in both field and laboratory; research into our distant past; and the challenges of space. The goal, however, remains unchanged: opening new frontiers; pursuing knowledge for the benefit of mankind; breaking down the barriers of the unknown; encouraging and stimulating both independent and institutional exploration.

The Explorers headquarters, at 46 East 70th Street in New York City, officially called the Lowell Thomas Building, offers an open door to members from all corners of the country and the world. It is a handsome six-story building containing administrative offices, auditorium, meeting rooms, and a valuable library of over 25,000 books, maps, and other such items, many of them extremely rare — the largest private collection in North America devoted solely to exploration.

The Explorers Club is not a social organization, but rather an organization comprised of men of impressive attainments in diverse fields. With its facilities and resources, many expeditions and research projects have been planned, or supported through grants from various Explorers Club Trust Funds. With a look towards the future, special assistance has been extended for the encouragement of youth programs. In all its varied activities, The Explorers Club plays a prominent role in the continuing search for knowledge.

EXPLORERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Present day membership comprises a wide range of eminent explorers, scientists, and a select group of distinguished men noteworthy for their contributions to world knowledge and exploration.

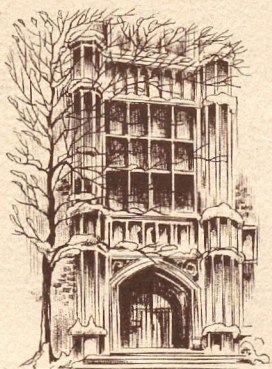
Included on the current roster are such notables as Neil Armstrong, Sir Edmund Hillary, Thor Heyerdahl, Robert Jastrow, Laurence Gould, John Glenn, Carl Sagan, James Lovell, Konrad Lorenz, George Bass, Prince Philip, King Leopold III, Edwin Way Teale, Jacques Piccard, Richard Atkinson, Prince Peter of Greece and Denmark, Buckminster Fuller, Bowen Dees, Willard Bascom, Sir Fred Hoyle, Jean Delacour, Edwin Link, Lord John Hunt, Tenzing Norgay, Harrison Schmitt, Otis Barton, Christopher Kraft, several Nobel laureates, and many other distinguished members throughout the world.

The Explorers Club has twelve regional chapters in the U.S.A. and one in London. These chapters conduct their own meetings and send representatives to annual conferences in New York City.

All members receive *The Explorers Journal*, a high calibre magazine published quarterly, and the *Explorers Newsletter*, issued bimonthly, reporting on activities of members and chapters. Numerous lecture programs are presented on a regular basis.

The Explorers Annual Dinner, attended by more than 1000, has become an internationally-recognized event featuring the world's leading explorers.

The headquarters building is a mecca for members and their guests. It functions as a meeting place not only for those from the New York area, but also from across the country and abroad. Members are always welcome to visit the Club and are encouraged to use the facilities of this famous and prestigious organization.



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