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**ADMINISTRATION**

TJEFA Board of Governors: We at TJEF are coming to realize that we are unique. We've been told so by among the nation's most prestigious moneyed Foundations. Our wealth is the TJEF Treillage. That includes, first of all, passion. With passion, we fuel connections to competence, wealth, always attempting to create an awareness which can audit, edit, and execute a vision which we undertake. The Board of Governors of The John Ernest Foundation Americas (TJEFA) has undertaken an audit of our delivery systems, our financial transparency, and our strategic mission – and will meet again in late September to query the status of each aspect. Chris Martin has introduced us to Jim Fruchterman at Benetech – we have great expectations: <http://www.benetech.org>. Also see: <http://www.stanfordalumni.org/news/magazine/2007/julaug/dept/benetech.html>

TJEFE Vorstand: In Berlin, in early October, the Vorstand of The John Ernest Foundation Europe (TJEFE) will gather for a similar review. October will feature five awareness venues – in Berlin, Hamburg, Frankfurt, Munich and London – where Vorstand members will expand the European base of TJEF's Treillage. Meanwhile, Fidelitas and Ignite remain TJEFE's chief Objectives.

In the Office: Website! Website! Website and COUSINS (TJEF's newsletter to the Board of Governors and close friends) are chief to the Provost's immediate goals.

Financials: The Foundation's tax returns are available upon request. Ryan Esposto and Alexander von Cramm, Treasurers, as well as our bookkeeper (Lilya Sorensen) and accountant, Jack Morrison hold this aspect together for our American and German tax identities. Kindly contact the Provost should you have queries.

College of Mentors: The College of Mentors is a unique TJEF trademark. Rather than an Board of Advisors, TJEF depends on a host of mentors who appear as needed. Their competence is wise ranging. Naturally, their appearance on our website comes with their permission. We are in the complicated process of updating this highly valuable group and interviewing executives secretaries.

Fund-raising: To accomplish the it's work, which is difficult to measure financially, the board has created a budget which approximates \$150,000 to \$200,000 annually. Individual request, venues, portfolios, and earnings from some Objectives underwrite these costs. As these costs are constant, so is income. Both TJEFA and TJEFE welcome your queries – how you might help. More boldly, we might ask you! We have never been shy – we'd like the same from TJEF Cousins

OBJECTIVES**American Friends of Blerancourt**

(Chris Treble, Caretaker) **Vision:** To establish a West Coast base for the American Friends of Blerancourt, the only French-American Museum. Founded by Anne Morgan, north of Paris <http://xenophongroup.com/mcjoynt/bleran.htm>

Anne Dopffer, the Museum's Curator, spent parts of the first week in June in the Bay Area, working with French-American schools to develop a curriculum using parts of the Museum's Collection.

Animated Speech (Diego Pettersson, Caretaker) **Vision:** Using technology to bring a strong learning component to autistic children – meet Timo! <http://www.animatedspeech.com>. TJEF is making a \$28,500 grant available to Animated Speech this summer. We remain open to further grants, promoting this Objective in the United States and abroad. Should you know of any parents struggling with autistic children, kindly make a connection! Since this business plan is already in effect, Walter Schwarz was very helpful to Dr. Mark Fallon and Eric Larsen during their visit to Palo Alto last weekend. And vice-versa, Eric Larsen can introduce Timo to multiples of schools and school districts.



Arts and Wellness Newsletter (Diego Pettersson, Caretaker)

Vision: To create a wellness letter for professionals in the health care industry, expanding their use of the arts in therapy. www.artsreach.com. This Objective is on hold until Arts Reach, the parent company, completes a seminar for professionals in the arts in San Francisco this October. TJEF has been somewhat helpful with programming the event.

Update: California Pops (Pat Gregory, Barbara Glynn, Caretakers) After singing with the POPS at the Menlo Circus Club on July 4th, Carol Channing reported that the POPS is just the orchestra for which she is looking. More to come. That concert produced influential supporters and Kim Venaas and TJEF are working to realize these valuable assets to our vision. Pat Gregory and Barbara Glynn met with Kim and Ken in mid-July to deploy the arm of the Auxiliary Group formed to create the fundraiser on St. Patrick's Day. See Kim's comments on the website video! When there, also notice Carol's photograph from the July 4th event. TJEF and the POPS are looking to create an awareness venue, likely for Valentine's Day.

College is Real (Brad Blake, Caretaker) **Vision:** To make college a reality for students at Richmond High School in Oakland, a troubled area. This Objective is very much alive. Sustaining the energy remains a constant challenge, though this has been done. There are summer scholarships given this year. TJEF's goal remains to get this team to play a soccer match on a college-visiting trip to Southern California after the first of the year.

Cornell 18th Century Organ (Ken Kaufman, Caretaker) **Vision:** To build a West Coast and Swedish support base, which will develop interest and funding for a new organ at Cornell, modeled on the marvelous instrument at Schloss Charlottenburg in Berlin, and designed by GOart in Gothenburg. The concert at Jacques Littlefield's Pony Tracks Ranch on June 17th made Cornellians in the Bay Area quite aware of this project. Professors Annette Richards and David Yearsley performed and lectured with brilliance. TJEF will follow-up with others in the Treillage who might become passionate about his instruments and its value to the American East Coast.

New: Discovery II (Linda and Dr. Stanley Fischman, Caretakers)

Vision: To teach all school age children skills that approach troubled areas (anger, etc.) in better ways, using a nationally developed curriculum. Mark Fallon-Cyr and Eric Larsen met with Stan and Linda Fischman and Steve Schreier on July 25th and 26th. Next step: a specific business plan which TJEF will audit, then prepare for presentation to non-profit donors in early September. Lots of excitement here. This curriculum to educate from K-12 social and emotional posturing has broad appeal.

European University at St. Petersburg (Caretakers: Stefan Kirsten)

Vision: To coach this ten year old Russian University create an international development program <http://www.eu.spb.ru>. At TJEF, sometimes we are dependent on our competent Objective Caretakers. Sometimes, we need to take a brief pause. Dr. Stefan Kirsten is beginning his new career as the Chief Financial Officer for the Majid Al Futtaim Group LLC in Dubai and London today – and we congratulate Stefan – today, on August 1. This role will only enhance his ability to help TJEF with EUSP!



Update: Fidelitas (Niels Kroener, Caretaker) **Vision:** To enhance usage of Schloss Salem both to the advantage of its owners and The John Ernest Foundation, using the Foundation's intellectual prowess. <http://www.salem.de/flashindex.php>. The work at Schloss Salem is growing. Remember, After analyzing all options for Salem we proposed a project that would generate Biogas that would be feed into the gas grid close to Salem and then establish 4 power generators that will use this gas from the grid. The size of the entire system is 4 times bigger than the Schloss would consume itself which is dependent on the economical scaling of the technical equipment and the overhead cost for the project. The next meeting at Salem occurs in September. Also, surrounding the American tour of the Schloss Kirche, Andreas Jetter, is coming together. He will be performing on both coasts, and participate in the weekend Festival at Goshen College in January.

Update: Intellect (Ken Kaufman, Caretaker)

Vision: To expand intellectual property through visits of distinguished speakers. This Objective has been expanded to build a speakers bureau. Our first candidate: Jonathan Roberts, who is the very articulate partner dancing with Heather Mills on ABC's Dancing with the Stars. By the way, Jonathan appeared at Ford's Theater in Washington at a gala, attended by the President and the First Lady, along with members of Congress in late June. <http://www.jonathanrobertsdancer.com/>

Mandalay (Mario Haeuptli, Caretaker) **Vision:** To deploy young European teachers at the Phaung Daw Oo High School in Mandalay, Myanmar
<http://www.dhammadana.org/pdo/about.html> Mario Haeuptli will give an update at the Munich board meeting. Mario is working on this, again, as I write.

Mentor (Stan Fischman, Ken Kaufman, Caretakers) **Vision:** To continue enhancing the lives of individuals with experiences that enlarge their horizons and expand the definition of personal goals. Dennis Knodt has had some very good learning while staying at the home of TJEF board member, Chris Treble. Through TJEFer, Dennis has a mentor, Colin Williams (did his post-doc with Stephen Hawkins, is at the Jet Propulsion Laboratories at Cal Tech and Stanford), who is testing Dennis' potential with higher math. Dennis spent Spring Semester at Palo Alto High School. We thank Chris and Nancy Treble!! Diego Pettersson and Fred Stahl have also made considerable contributions to Dennis' stay. Freddie Stahl will be a junior at Bellarmine Prep. . We are hoping that he will become Ryan Perry's right hand man, learning to manipulate our website. Dennis Knodt, his friend, can be helpful here. Solen Cashman, a recent Santa Clara graduate, is half French, half American. Solen has joined Chris Treble and Marianne Despres, helping with the Objective, American Friends of Blerancourt.

My Life Medical Partners: (Dr. Alan Fine, Caretaker)

Vision: Marketing simple device(s) so primary care physicians can obtain regular biochemistry reports. We are in the process of connected Dr. Alan Fine (<http://www.ghc.org>) with Dr. Pat Basu (<http://www.extendmd.com>) Check out the websites.

NOLA, New Orleans (Caretakers: Ryan Perry and Paige Prior)

Vision: to assist this school function and flourish again in New Orleans. TJEF is looking for an intern to connect the school's computers before the opening in August. TJEF also hopes to resurrect the generous offer from Dr. Johannes Zwick that ten victims of Katrina can be flown to his spa at Bad Fuessing in Germany for a month's stay at this excellent rehabilitation clinic. We can use the school to find our candidates. We are behind with NOLA – they are about to open.

New: Organ and the Church (Caretaker: Vance George)

Vision: to use the small church-affiliated college to prepare organists, principally for churches. The Organ and The Church is coming alive nicely. Present plans are to use the Opus 41 organ at Goshen College (Indiana) to bring together two organists, Carole Terry, Professor of Organ at the University of Washington and Andreas Jetter, Church Castle Organist at Schloss Salem (Germany) to create a festival in January, 2008. During this inaugural event, Vance George, Caretaker and Carole Terry, will use the Goshen facilities to design this TJEF Objective. Kindly look at the website's filmstrip depicting Vance.

Project Restoration (Ryan Perry, Caretaker)

Vision: Using futuristic technology and marketing, the creation of learning successes using non-violent decisions, learned in film and games, the TJEF inventors stem from religious studies at Harvard and Columbia. You should see the volley of e-mails flying between our Caretaker and his contacts, and the inventors. Stunning use of the Treillage. Major names appear regularly, in concept and finance.

San Francisco Choral Artists (Caretaker: Ken Kaufman, John Zorn)

Vision: To use this choral base as a springboard for new composers, while offering the comfort of a traditional program. <http://www.sfca.org> TJEF's suggestion: create a labor force to help with administrative functions, calling it a College of Mentors. That is now in process. TJEFer John Zorn from Arts Reach joined this College. San Francisco Choral Artists were among the seven choirs invited to the Stanford Invitational Choral Concert. TJEF helped create the questionnaire meant to discover how to expand marketing techniques (John Zorn). And SFCA will enjoy a TJEF grant to attend the National Arts Reach Marketing Conference in San Francisco late this October.

NEW: Readwritenow, Redwood City (Caretaker: Diego Pettersson)

To nurture Dan Fillin's program that helps basically Latino adults learn English. Over 1900 families have received services from this valuable program in the Redwood City area.

<http://readwritenow.net/>

TJEF's role – to develop funding relationships which can sustain and expand this tested and valuable community service.



Update: Ignite (Searching For Light After Dusk) (Juergen Doering, Caretaker) **Vision:** To supply low cost lighting to parts of the world who have never enjoyed efficient lamp lighting after dark. TJEF's aim is to develop a pilot project aimed at producing and distributing the lamp commercially. Juergen Doering continues to take the lead, though Aaron Winters and Christian Groenke are lending considerable support to the organization of this process.

<http://www.nextbillion.net/activitycapsule/2709>
<http://www.time.com/time/archive/preview/0,10987,1196415,00.html>

Aaron Winters has joined Juergen Doering and should you wish further the latest information, contact either (aaron_m_winters@yahoo.com). The opening phase begins on September 10th, when Nina Doering joins Aaron Winters at the Objective office in San Francisco.

Special Olympics Shanghai 2007 (Ken Kaufman, Caretaker, with both Treasurers, Ryan Esposto and Alexander von Cramm taking financial oversight) **Vision:** To aid the international fund-raising process for this huge venue opening this well-known sporting event to vast China.

<http://www.2007specialolympics.com/index.php?id=2&lang=en>

From Jessie: I really can feel the Games coming. Chaos is everywhere. But finally, this week, the promotion for the Games are on TV. Daimler came to me to ask for benefits for their donation and we did a nice package for them. Saw a lot of emails about different objectives. It's simply great! Hope my objective will work out beautifully at the end. The folks in Shanghai are in the final stretch, as the Games are in October.

Stanford German Students Association (Ken Kaufman, Caretaker)

Vision: To be a bank of intellectual memory and programmatic coaching to engage German students into the longer-term Stanford culture. <http://german.stanford.edu/SGSA/> The programmatic format TJEF suggested worked wonderfully this year. Stefan Kirsten's fireplace chat last Sunday evening at the Sommerfest was brilliant: The German Corporate Landscape. Of course, corruption was the key theme.

Current issue: building a new leadership group. As is the nature of the beast, the leadership moves on. And, the first speaker this autumn, again arranged by TJEF, is Dr. Manfred Stolpe, former Ministerpraesident for Brandenburg.

Update: United Planet, Boston (Caretaker: Ken Kaufman, for now)

Vision: To assist this international internship program build an international board of governors. <http://www.unitedplanet.org>. United Planet (UP) is a leading international, educational, humanitarian, and peace-building, non-profit organization with members and volunteers in over 150 countries devoted to fostering cross-cultural understanding and friendship and supporting communities in need in order to bring the world together in a community beyond borders. United Planet utilizes a diverse and creative range of local, online, and international programs to achieve this essential mission. The underlying principle of our programs is based on the concept of Relational Diplomacy, in which we recognize that the relationship between two people of diverse backgrounds is the vital thread - the basic building block—for bringing the world together in a community beyond borders worldwide. A grant from CBC Corporation will permit another Robert Freelen board-building coaching seminar in late September. This Objective was introduced to TJEF by Caroline Zwick.

Westfield Concert Scholar (Professor Carole Terry, University of Washington, Caretaker) **Vision:** To enhance performing possibilities for organists, especially American undergraduates, in conjunction with The Westfield Center. www.westfield.org. Andreas Jetter, organist at Schloss Salem's church, will undertake a three- or four-concert tour in the United States courtesy of the Foundation. This tour has been postponed until spring, 2008. Mr. Jetter performed briefly for the TJEFE Vorstand at their meeting in Salem last November. Next fall, the Foundation will again underwrite a concert tour for the American undergraduate

Women of Courage (Ken Kaufman, Caretaker)

Vision: To promote Mark Tuschman's photographic consciousness-raising exhibit surrounding women's reproductive rights http://www.womenofcourageproject.org/mark_tuschman/index.html Mark Tuschman has now completed his three trips, ending the phase of funding originated by the Packard Foundation. The photographs from Tanzania, Bangladesh and Ghana are stunning. Mark and TJEF are assessing the impact they have made. It's not always clear that the engender health problems of distant women play much of a role in the current political arena. Mark remains TJEF's

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AT TJEF AMERICAS, THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN HAS ASSUMED ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS. AS PROVOST FOR PROGRAMS, I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SUPERVISE THE FOUNDATION'S OBJECTIVES. THIS MEANS 'CARING' FOR THE STEWARDS OF EACH OBJECTIVE, MAKING CERTAIN THAT TJEF IS ADDING VALUE, THAT FINANCIAL GOALS ARE MET. OUR OBJECTIVES FALL INTO FOUR CATEGORIES:

- ACTIVE EARNING OBJECTIVE
- OBJECTIVES TJEF DOES ITS WORK PRO BONO
- OBJECTIVES IN QUESTION
- OBJECTIVES UNDER CONSIDERATION.

EACH OBJECTIVE RECEIVES A WEEKLY REVIEW.

I WELCOLME YOUR SUPPORT.

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SELECTED COMPLETED OBJECTIVES

Mentor, (Stan Fischman, Ken Kaufman)

While TJEF rose from the mentoring of individuals, we basically now help connect dots of budding institutions. This doesn't mean that there aren't carefully selected individuals who receive caring attention from members of the Treillage. Our Caretakers are Dr. Stanley Fischman for TJEF Americas, Mario Haeuptli for TJEF Europe.

Raid Abuamona is now practicing medicine after what TJEF Europe Treasurer claims – "it doesn't get better than this". We found Raid as he entered Germany from Gaza to attempt attending a Germany university. Hilmar Kopper, then the head of Deutsche Bank, not only underwrote the costs of this education, but also saw that his betrothed be allowed to enter Germany, and that the German labor authorities would allow Raid to practice. Mr. Kopper himself drove Raid to the 'Arbeitsamt'. Raid, his wife and two children no live in Bielefeld. His marks throughout his exams: top of the class! Few Germans receive a 1.1.

To honor and memorialize Charles Chen at his passing last year, we created The Charles Chen Interns. Jun Yang, daughter of the External Relations Diplomat in the Mayor's Office in Shanghai, spent her six weeks at the home of Dan Broderick and Diane Uebel in Sacramento (both lawyers – Dan is the Chief Federal Defender for the Eastern Region). Kelsey Broderick spent her six weeks in Shanghai, working with Special Olympics Shanghai 2007. We suspect this stay nicely supplemented her successful application to Stanford – where she will begin her undergraduate studies this autumn.

