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CTPH TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN LONDON

Conservation Through Public Health features in Alan Weisman's Countdown

Africa Turns Green, Whitley Fund for Nature, World Wildlife Fund Director - Glynn Davies and CTPH

On 22nd October 2013, the Ambassador of Belgium, H.E. Mr. Johan Verbeke held a reception at his residence in central London in honor of Conservation Through Public Health (CTPH)'s 10 year anniversary. The event was organized by BBC Reporter and Africa Turns Green Founder and CEO, Ms. Séverine Dieudonné, ATG Patron working with NedBank, Dr. Veronica Kalema Byagagaire and sister
Alan Weisman, a renown environmental journalist and author of "The World Without Us", recently released a book entitled Count Down. In this book, "Countdown: Our Last, Best Hope for a Future on Earth?" Weisman explains that the human population is going in the wrong direction. The theme of the book focuses mostly on the ecological question, how many people can Earth support without capsizing? Weisman writes. "From the instant we're born, even the humblest among us compounds the world's

to Dr. Gladys, ATG Patron and BBC reporter, Angela Robson, and ATG Volunteer and BBC Reporter, Sarah Parfitt. Africa Turns Green is a charity based in the UK, which showcases and supports the work of African green entrepreneurs who are protecting their environment.

Speeches were given by H.E. Mr. Johan Verbeke who introduced the occasion, Séverine Dieudonné who talked about Africa Turns Green and her work with CTPH; CTPH Founder and CEO, Dr. Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka who thanked all supporters and friends of CTPH and gave a personal account of the ten year journey of CTPH; and Whitley Fund for Nature Deputy Director, David Wallis who talked about their work supporting outstanding grassroots nature conservationists around the world like Dr. Gladys and her team at CTPH.

A congratulations message from Will Travers OBE, and CEO of Born Free Foundation was read by Séverine:

"Dear Friends, It is many, many years since I first met Dr. Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka when she was appointed as the Wildlife Vet for Uganda Wildlife Authority. I remember in those very early days she had simply a desk in UWA's office and had to use, her mother's car in order to travel out to the field to carry out lifesaving work for Uganda's wildlife including gorillas. It was clear then and it has been proved now what an exceptionally talented person Gladys is and her dedication to wildlife is justly recognized this evening. On this special occasion, the Born Free Foundation wishes her all possible success in the future and urges those who care about Uganda's wildlife to ensure that Gladys is given the support she needs to continue to carry out her amazing work."
mounting problems by needing food, firewood, and a roof, for starters. Literally and figuratively, we're all exhaling CO2 and pushing other species over the edge."

Alan visited 22 countries around the world with different policies on family planning including China, Israel and Uganda.

In chapter 7 on Uganda, entitled “Gorillas in our Midst”, Weisman narrates the tale of a young Veterinarian with Uganda Wildlife Authority, Dr. Gladys Kalema, fresh out of Veterinary School, who investigated a scabies skin disease outbreak in the mountain gorillas traced to the Bwindi local community. When setting up CTPH, she began to realize the impact of the fast growing population of Bwindi communities on the endangered Mountain gorillas’ health and habitat, and intervened by introducing family planning in the integrated gorilla and community health programs. Also mentioned in the book are other people her met in Uganda, the Community Conservation Health Volunteers (Village Health and Conservation Teams), World Renown Chimpanzee

1. Guests at the ten year reception  2. HE Ambassador and wife, Catherine with Severine
3. Severine and Dr. Gladys  4. HE Mr. Verbeke, Ambassador of Belgium

Over 110 guests attended the reception including CTPH friends, mentors, partners and donors. Organizations included the Uganda High Commission, the Gorilla Organization where Dr. Gladys volunteered as a student and is now a trustee; Whitley Fund for Nature; World Wildlife Fund - UK, who support CTPH’s work through WFN; Royal Veterinary College where Dr. Gladys did her veterinary degree, British Veterinary Association who often highlight CTPH’s achievements in their Overseas Newsletter, Gorilla Pathology Study Group started by Dr. Gladys mentor, Prof John Cooper; the Tusk Trust, Environmental Investigation Agency, Volcanoes Safaris who hosted CTPH Patron, HRH
Conservationist and UN Ambassador for Peace, Dr. Jane Goodall; CTPH Founder and Director of ICT for Development, Lawrence Zikusoka; CTPH population, health and environment (PHE) advisor, Dr. Lynne Gaffikin; Dr. Amy Voedish, gynecologist from Stanford University working with Dr. Paul Blumenthal and training Bwindi Community Hospital staff to insert Intra Uterine Devices (IUDs); Population Secretariat's Joy Naiga; and Pathfinder International's country director, Anne Akia Fielder.

Countdown is a must read. For more information about this book and the author, Click Here

In other news, CTPH published a research article entitled; The Establishment and Use of Field Laboratories: Lessons from the Conservation Through Public Health Gorilla Research Clinic, Uganda in the Journal of Exotic Pet Medicine Volume 22, Issue 1, Pages 34-38, January 2013

CTPH Gorilla Vase Raffle

Queen Sylvia of Buganda when launching CTPH programs in Bwindi; and the BBC who have featured Dr. Gladys work since the 1990s. Also in attendance was Biddy Hodgkinson supporting the Impenetrable Kids League started by her son, Guy; family friends who have supported Dr. Gladys and CTPH including Sue and Peter Woodford and Margaret and David Ritchie who met in Uganda; cousins and friends of CTPH, Janet Collyer, Nakato Kiwana, John Scott, Babirye and Kevin D’Arbela, Sarah and Adrian Strain, Maureen Kiyingi Kabonge and Catherine Sebukima Cargill. Also in attendance were friends, colleagues and partners of ATG including Pete Jones, Charles Capel, Julie Armstrong, Lisa Peters and Ilona Simonsich; Cookham Rise head teachers and students; Herries Preparatory School and Holy Trinity. The event was also attended by new donors, partners and friends.

While in London Dr. Gladys was interviewed on BBC Mundo World Service by Gabriela Torre, who also attended the ten year reception. See Interview

1. Students from Cookham Rise Primary and other schools in Cookham
2. British Veterinary Association, Helena Cotton with Dr. Gladys
CTPH is raffling a unique gorilla vase created by renowned potter Miranda Thomas to commemorate the 10th anniversary of CTPH and raise funds to build our

AFRICA TURNS GREEN AND CTPH FUND RAISER
“TASTE OF AFRICA”

Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead, with Sarah Parfitt and Dr. Gladys

Prior to this, ATG’s volunteer, Sarah Parfitt, organized a “Taste of Africa” fundraising event at Herries Preparatory School, Cookham Dean. Students from Herries School sang many captivating African choruses, to open the fundraising event. Sarah Parfitt gave an introductory presentation from Africa Turns Green, which included a Quote from Kate Humble, BBC who presented the Whitley Awards in 2009,

“Gladys is not only a great scientist, but an excellent communicator, and a Champion of grassroots conservation. She is someone who understands that for conservation to be truly effective it needs to benefit people as well as wildlife and this is something she has put into practice with unquestionably successful results. Her work has won her much deserved recognition and the prestigious Gold Award from the Whitley Fund for Nature. I'm delighted to count myself as one of the
Health and Gorilla Conservation Center in Bwindi, Uganda (a UNESCO World Heritage site). This vase, which was created by the artist and donated to CTPH, has a retail value of $1,000. Miranda is an animal lover and agreed to support CTPH with this limited edition vase. The vase is 12 inches high and features natural renderings of mountain gorillas.

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many people who have unbound admiration for what Gladys has achieved and continues to achieve.”

This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Gladys about the work of CTPH. The evening ended with drummers from Cookham and food from many sponsors including Herries, Parfitt Media, Living Streams, African Junction, Ustar video, Cookham Rise Primary School, Marlow FM 97.5, ISM Sys, Hive Industries, Old Butchers Wine Cellar, Mah Images, Trade Interiors Shop, Bel & the Dragon, Thomas Franks, Emma Costa, Caroline Field

The fundraiser ended with a speech by the Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead, Councillor Andrew Jenner. The fundraiser which attracted over 100 people was a great success. All proceeds and cash raised from this event were donated to Africa Turns Green and CTPH.

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1. Dr. Veronica Kalema, Angela Robson, Dr. Gladys, Sarah Parfitt and Herries Head Teacher, Sophie 2. Herries Primary School Choir

VISIT TO COOKHAM SCHOOLS: HERRIES PREPARATORY, HOLY TRINITY AND COOKHAM RISE
While in Cookham, Dr. Gladys had the opportunity to visit three schools working closely with Africa Turns Green, Herries Preparatory School, Holy Trinity and Cookham Rise Preparatory School, who are also ambassadors for ATG. She was highly impressed by the children who gave a warm welcome, were very enthusiastic about conservation, including setting up demonstration gardens and had done in depth research about the work of CTPH. She showed a video about CTPH’s work with gorillas and people developed by Turk Pipkin of the Nobility Project and then talked about the work of CTPH. Dr. Gladys was also interviewed with the Herries Primary School Head teacher by Anne Diamond on BBC Radio Berkshire.
1. Cookham Rise Primary School students show casing model environmentally sustainable garden
2. Dr. Gladys acting with a student from Holy Trinity School

CTPH is grateful to all the guests, in particular the Belgian Ambassador to UK, H.E. Mr Johan Verbeke and Mrs Catherine Verbeke, Séverine Dieudonné, Sarah Parfitt, Angela Robson, Dr. Veronica Kalema Byagagaire, Technology fixer - Tony Thornby, Photographer - Mohammed Hosein Sabahi and the Head Teachers, Staff and pupils of Herries Preparatory School and Cookham Rise for all the great effort in making our ten year anniversary celebration and fundraiser, such a truly memorable event.

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