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MEET THE BOARD

Georgia Welles



YEARS OF SERVICE: Six

BACKGROUND: Attended Vassar College; appointed by Ohio governor to state arts council. Served as board member or trustee of: Apollo Society, Toledo Museum of Art; Vero Beach Museum of Art; National Association of Independent Schools. Vice president of Cricket Island Foundation.

Children: 5; grandchildren: 14.

Grew up in: Winnetka, Illinois.

Favorite outdoor activity: Fly-fishing.

Favorite place to fly-fish: Argentina.

Because ... : The people are wonderful, the scenery is spectacular and the fish are good.

Favorite Conservancy preserve: Kitty Todd Preserve in Ohio. I particularly love it when the lupines come into bloom in the spring.

Conservancy project to see before I die: Yunnan Great Rivers Project, China.

Other memorable projects: Tallgrass Prairie, Oklahoma; Great Bear Rainforest, British Columbia.

After I rotate off the board, I'm going to: Fish a lot more.

Ecological threat that keeps me up at night: Climate change.

If I had a magic wand, I would: Restore the damaged lands of Africa and bring water, health and opportunity to all.

Most memorable wildlife encounter: Being followed by a grizzly bear in

Alaska. The guide had to shoot beside him to scare him off.

Proudest Conservancy contribution: I was chair of the Ohio Global Priorities Committee when we became the first chapter in the country to fund projects outside our own state.

What about the Conservancy's work makes me most hopeful? Our capacity to raise money, to partner with others and our strong science-based approach to conservation give me hope that our tremendous goals are achievable.

Why support the Conservancy? Because its outlook is global; it has the capacity to work on a landscape scale; it has passionate, professional people; and it has the determination to succeed in its mission.