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Just back from . . .

. . . East Africa. A dozen Valley professionals led by **Eileen Rogers**, owner of Allegra Print & Imaging, have returned from a safari in Uganda and Rwanda.

They went whitewater rafting on the Nile, hiked and rode in boats, allowing them to get close-up views of mountain gorillas, hippos, crocodiles and exotic birds.

The group traveled under the auspices of the Foundation for Global Leadership, which provides opportunities for American community leaders to learn about issues in the developing world.

The travelers met a deputy minister of Uganda and representatives of the U.N. Population Fund and visited some small businesses. They also learned about how the country is handling problems caused by HIV and AIDS.

"We met such wonderful people," Rogers said.

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