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Log of the S. S. Fellowship

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Attached is a brief report of the reunion. I could write much more, as it was a wonderful event. While the mates were at our meeting Priday, the ladies were given a treat by a special escorted tour of the Kennedy Center. Win Weitzel's wife was in charge of this.

We owe thanks to so many folks for making the reunion such a great success - to Mrs. Weitzel, Frank Mueller, to Reed Larsen and his staff who handled the reservations at all the events, Jack Morton's staff, and all the others who cooperated so splendidly, including of course the staff of JCI and the United States Jaycees, who worked behind the scenes.

Jack Morton and Doug Hoge really put on a gala performance and both say they enjoyed doing it.

Bill Press, who accepted the Chairmanship of the 1973 reunion has already begun preparations and said, "I have already nailed down the Statler". He will also work out a visit to one of the embassies as part of the program.

Tom Donnelly, who enjoyed the reunion so much, asked that we take into the Crew Dwight Summers, who was State President of Pennsylvania and now heads a family-owned food processing business. His address is New Freedom, Pennsylvania 17349. Tom says, "I know he and Debbie will brighten future reunions", so we're taking Dwight aboard.

Fred Gillen wrote how sorry he was not to be at the reunion but says, "Once again I'm a Californian - his address is P. O. Box 10088 Old San Diego Station, San Diego, California 92110.

Bruce Palmer wrote how sorry he was not to be at the reunion but says his travels left him far behind in his routine efforts. He wrote, "For a period of six weeks I only had two week-ends here in New York - one of them being the week-end of the Crew session; I hope you will understand". Yes, Bruce, we do understand.

Win Cook writes how sorry he was to miss the reunion but says, "I'm in the midst of building a 5-story addition to the Lodge". Business must be good for Win and we hope it will continue to be. He sent me a copy of "The Sporting News" with the cover showing a picture of Hal Salfen entitled "Super Salesman". We hope, Hal, you'll enjoy your new position with Braniff International, but sorry to lose you as a citizen of St. Louis.

It was good to see Paul LaFramboise, one of our Canadian mates, at the reunion. Paul has a new address - 1220 Leblanc, Sillery, Quebec, Canada 6; Win Weitzel has a new one, 5101 River Road, Washington DC 20016; William B. Harrison's new address is P. O. Box 1896, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Elmer R. Shippee's new address is 56 Pine Street, Providence, Rhode Island, and Pat Murphy's is c/o Benson, 92 Horatio Street, Apt. 2 N, New York, New York 10014.

Harry Krusz briefed us on the great "Trenapo 72", the U.S. International Transportation Exposition to be held at Dulles Airport May 27th to June 4th. Harry is working diligently to make this a fabulous exposition, with exhibits from nations around the world. We shall be glad to hear of it's great success.

It was good, too, to learn that George DeFranceaux was elected Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the National Corporation for Housing Partnerships at it's recent annual meeting. Congratulations, George.

I see Allen Whitfield was elected to the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at their convention which followed our reunion at Washington. Congratulations to you, too, Allen.

Honors come to our mates constantly. I note that Art King of Duluth was chosen for the 1971 Hall of Fame Award which was presented to him by his fellow citizens. Congratulations, Art.

Bob Dunbar was recently in Taiwan and picked up the newspaper "Cina Post" and noticed the editorial - a long one - telling of Henry Kearns visit and his desire to help the edonomy through the Export-Import Bank. It was a long editorial and lauded Henry for his help and I thank Bob for mailing it to me to enjoy it.

Walt Clinton of Tulsa was on his way from a visit to Kentucky and changed planes in St. Louis and took time out to call me. Sorry I wasn't at the office, as I would have enjoyed chatting with you, Walt.

Bill Collins called to say that he visited with Dick Kemler at Marshalltown, Iowa, where he went to make a talk to the Optimist Club. Glad to know you two had such a nice visit.

Notice the letterheads - they're from Ken Holvenstot, who was happy to furnish them for this issue of the "Log". Thanks, Ken.

Keith Johnson, President of the Chicago Jaycees, invited us to the DSA Banquet on May 25th and said, "We expect Bill Saltiel to be in attendance". Bill has never lost his interest in the Jaycees and will undoubtedly be on hand. I shall be glad to hear of the occasion.

Jim Skidmore gets around - I see that he was principal speaker at the Rodeway Inns of America National Meeting at Juarez, Mexico and then at Financial Executives Institute at Nassau, Bahamas and on May 22nd is to be the main speaker at the Sales and Marketing Executives International at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Harry Burt wrote that Harry passed away April 19th and we regret the loss of another mate. Harry was a long time mate of Tulsa and we shall miss his friendship.

Ken Sullivan asks us to take into the Crew Charles Holtman, who is with the International Dept. of NCR. His address is 611 Kenwood Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45406. Ken also gives us the address of Dr. Lou Goorey - 6739 Markwood Avenue, Worthington, Ohio 43085, whom he asked us to take aboard several months ago.

Jack Morton gave an invocation at the start of our sessions and a number of mates asked for a copy, so Jack sent me the prayer with which I'll end this "Log". Here it is,

Give me beauty in the inward soul,
because outward beauty I'm not likely to have May I recon the wise to be wealthy - and those
who need least, to be most like the Gods Make me content with what I have,
but not self satisfied.

Let me give more than I get Love more than I hate - and
Think more of living
than having lived.

John H. Armbruster Keeper of the Log