

KEARNS INTERNATIONAL

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I'm glad to use the letterheads this time of Kearns International; Henry has built up a business that is really International in it's scope and has surrounded himself with great men including our mate Bob Ladd. Thanks for the letterheads.

Hugh McKenna writes, "I was in Philadelphia and had a very pleasant chat with Dan Michie concerning the Crew meeting there in April. He and his committee are rolling right along and have some very interesting plans. Dan's a great guy and he's going to do a great job for the Crew." That ought to whet your appetite to be on hand for the Crew Reunion, especially this bicentennial year when there is so much history in Philadelphia.

Ramsey Cruett sent the sad news that Bob Howell passed away. He sent me a copy of the Norfolk newspaper giving a life history of our mate who besides his great Jaycee career was Past President of the Norfolk Civitan Club, District Governor of Civitan, and a Vice-President of Civitan, International. We regret his passing.

Bill Gilchrist sends the sad news that Frank Fister died February 20th at Coronado, California during a reunion he planned for his old Jaycee friends starting February 14th. Ten couples came - John Ben Shepperd, John Hamrick, Joe Saunders, Lofton Tatum, Bob Graham, Jim Freesone, Norm Tanner, Hughes Brockbank, Bill and Frank. February 19th Frank became ill, they got him to the hospital where he died next morning. Bill says, "It was distressing but all of us felt that if Frank had to go there was no time he would have been happier than among friends of so many years." All of us regret his passing.

Bill asks us to take in the Crew Jim Freesone, 512 East Wilson Avenue, Glendale, California 91206, as Jim was a USJC Vice-President in 1949-50, so we're taking him aboard and Bill asks us to change his own address to 110 Washington Street, Cumberland, Maryland 21502.

Our mates are in so many interesting activities. I find that Lyle O'Rourke is specializing in Immigration and Naturalization work, being legal counsel for the leading model agencies in New York City, which brings in talented girls from all over the world. He also has close contacts with TV and movie groups in Europe and the Far East who have immigration problems from time to time. He says this is very rewarding work and he enjoys it. He says he'll certainly try to make it to the Reunion this year if his schedule permits; I hope he makes it.

Bob Wertz, who is enjoying his retirement, said he and Olive are planning to attend the Crew meeting and looking forward to that event. He asks us to take on board his brother, Daniel L. Wertz, 144 Fayette Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15905. Dan was President of the Pennsylvania Jaycees. He is Clinical Professor of Pharmacy at the University of Pittsburg and has a wide acquaintance among the Jaycees, so we're taking him aboard.

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"Pete" Baldwin said he and Norma are looking forward to the Reunion and said Charlie Johnson, who was Treasurer under Hugh McKenna should be added to the Crew - his address is Charles W. Johnson, Jr., 637 Park Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32204 and Judge Uriel Blount, Volusia County Court House, DeLand, Florida 32720. Uriel or "Bunky" as he is known among Jaycees, is a Past U. S. Vice-President, so we're taking him aboard.

Bill Exton's article in the November issue of "The Interpreter" has attracted much good comment and increases his stature among Management Consultants. Congratulations, Bill.

The Ypsilanti "Press" had a great spread across the entire page lauding our mate Meritt Martin as the "Person of the Year" and I was glad to see the article mentioned that he had been President of the Michigan Jaycees and a National Vice-President of the U. S. Jaycees. Congratulations.

In the American Legion Magazine for March is the picture of our mate Harry Miles, National Commander of the Legion, meeting with President Ford. Good picture of both of them.

When June Vance visited friends here in St. Louis, my daughter met her and gave me the phone number of the friends where she was staying and I had a nice telephone chat with her. She said Verne is fine and doing well and I asked her to give the family and our mates of the Crew in Omaha my fond regards.

My daughter sent me the clipping of the Gardena, California paper showing the picture of our mate Sherm Humason, Secretary of the El Camino Kiwanis Club, presenting a nice check to the Gardena Police Benefit Association to help Guatemala, where one of their officers went to help that devastated land. Nice picture, Sherm and congratulations to your Club for this gesture to help across the miles.

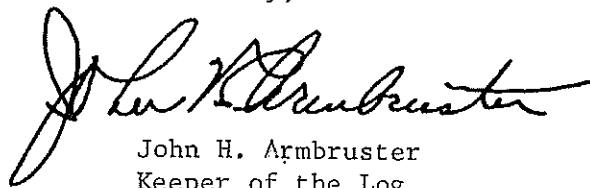
February 28th I had a double duty to perform, first to attend the Illinois State Jaycee Conference at Belleville, Illinois where I congratulated the present-day Jaycees for keeping up the tradition of all of us old-timers. When I was introduced as JCI Senator #3 the entire assembly of over 600 gave me a prolonged standing ovation, thus honoring all of you who preceeded them in the Jaycee movement. Then I had to go to the Village of Edmundson to help dedicate their park facilities, their tennis courts and their pavilion and I was especially glad to do this, as when some of the area was subdivided, it was my honor to name the streets and I named them after Presidents of the USJC - Olmsted Lane, after George Olmsted; Holman Lane, after Walt Holman, Vien Drive, after Grady Vien, Otis Drive, after Court Otis, Whitfield Lane, after Allen and Mortimer Drive, after Harry Mortimer. The little village folks who gathered at the ceremonies were interested in my telling them how their streets were named, and it's a delightful village of home owners.

I have a lot more news but ran out of space and will hold it until next issue.

In thinking of one of the tenets of the Creed, "Service to mankind is the best work of life", it echoed what that great merchant, Marshall Field once wrote. He wrote,

"It is only in wide public affairs, where money is a moving force toward the general welfare, that the possession of it can possibly find pleasure and that only in constantly doing more. The greatest good a man can do is to cultivate himself, develop his powers, in order that he may be of greater service to humanity."

Cordially,



John H. Armbruster
Keeper of the Log