

Log of the S. S. Fellowship

"A company or individual that does not plan and manage the future may not have one!"

May 1, 1977

It was another very successful reunion we had in Williamsburg because Sumpter Priddy Chairman and Hugh McKenna and Dick Taylor Co-chairmen, and all who participated, made it so. We owe them a debt of gratitude and all of us who attended gave them our thanks.

Friday evening one after another came, registered, went to the Hospitality Suite where everyone welcomed each mate that came in the door and it was soon buzzing with conversation. The Virginia Delegation was host and they did a grand job.

Saturday morning started with coffee and danish rolls and at 9:30 Parke Rouse, Historian, gave an excellent talk on the history of the area and we learned much of the early years of our country. Then Frank Ziebell, President of U. S. Jaycees, gave a most interesting report on how our beloved organization is and has done since our last reunion. Then Carroll Bouchard, Secy-General of Jaycees International, made us feel proud of the way the Jaycee idea has spread around the world. Both Frank and Carroll paid tribute to us old-timers for the way we prepared for the present day successes.

Then Chuck Shearer who was President of the U. S. Jaycees 20 years ago, reminisced about that year and the years that followed and with his Washington observation gave us an insight as to Governmental affairs now. Then I gave the list of mates who departed this life since last reunion and we honored them by speech and a moment of silence.

Being noon time we adjourned and most of the mates spent the afternoon visiting all the places of historical interest, in Williamsburg, in Jamestown, in Yorktown and the whole area.

We resumed at 6:45 for a delightful reception on the outdoor terrace - a wonderful social hour before the dinner.

At the dinner Charlotte Mungenast was presented with a beautifully done resolution signed by all the Trustees of the War Memorial Fund and I was presented with a silver candelabra and then John O. Marsh former Congressman from Virginia and former Special Assistant to President Ford was presented with the Brownfield Alumnus Award which is awarded annually to a distinguished alumnus.

Then our mate Harry Stewart regaled us with laughter in his special brand of humor that kept us all "in stitches". It was a delightful ending of a joyous evening and those who wished to dance did their steps at the Ft. Magruder Lounge, and others went to the hospitality room until it closed.

Sunday morning we all gathered for the Worhip Service - and it really was that. So many of the mates participated all in their own way carrying out the first tenet of our Jaycee Creed that "we believe that faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life" - and how inspiring it was to hear each one tell what faith in God has meant to them and the blessings they have had.

Then John Marsh told of his experience in the transition of power at the time President Nixon resigned and turned the reins over to President Ford. Marsh had a great part to play in the orderly transfer of power and his story gave us all a deep appreciation of the American government system. We all gave him a standing ovation which was well deserved.

There were a few closing remarks and the reunion was over but many lingered on for some hours in bidding fond farewells.

Besides this brief resume of the fine reunion, the purpose of this special issue of the "Log" is to call your attention to the enclosed brochure about the Jaycee Archives project which the Crew adopted for a project they think is so vital to the history of the Jaycee movement which binds us all together. A number of cash donations and a number of pledges were volunteered at the reunion and I was asked to urge every mate of our Crew to read the brochure, make their donation or pledge so that the archives can be a reality and also to contribute to the archives all the memorabilia you have of your Jaycee years so that the long history can come alive and be a great source of inspiration to the hundreds of thousands of young men who will follow in our footsteps.

Everyone at the Reunion was inspired and I hope you as a Crew member will be inspired, too, and I shall be waiting to hear of your dedication to this great project.

The letterheads this time are from our mate Lou Raskin who left the Bicentennial Administration to join this consulting firm. Thanks, Lou for sending them.

Thinking of contributing funds and material to the Archives it will extend our influence beyond our own life. It reminded me of what Leo C. Rosten wrote

"The purpose of life is not to be happy - the purpose of life is to matter - to be productive, to have it make some difference that you lived at all. Happiness, in the ancient noble sense means self-fulfillment - and is given to those who use to the fullest whatever talents God bestowed upon them. Happiness lies in the stretching to the farthest boundaries of which we are capable, the resources of the mind and heart".

Cordially,

John H. Armbruster - Keeper of the Log

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When I sent the brochure on the Archives Foundation I didn't send the envelopes - so here is an envelope to use to send your check or your pledge to the Archives - all of us can do something, large or small, to make the archives a reality - and so I hope the enclosed envelope will be a reminder for each of you to send it with the pledge torn out of the brochure.

Since the reunion there has come in a lot of news and rather than to make the "Log" three pages I'll relate it in terse form - like news that Karl Werwath was married April 16th to Miss Marion Anella Schmidt. Congratulations. Steve Allen couldn't come to the reunion because he was on a Scottish Rite Degree team that had a job to do... Bob Hilton couldn't come because he was in charge of the Birmingham Golf Classic... incidently his new address is 2805 North Woodridge Rd. Birmingham, Alabama 35223.

"Zip" Zipperer couldn't be at the reunion because his Rotary District Conference was held at the same time and he was elected to represent District 777 at the Rotary Convention at San Francisco June 1st...Bob Graham's daughter will be on an internship at the U. S. Embassy in Rome for 3 months...Lyle O'Rourke's new law firm, Fried, Fragomen, Del Rey & O'Rourke, 515 Madison Ave. New York NY 10022 represents people from about fifty different countries around the world...Pat Gorman's new law firm is Loomis, Owen, Fellman & Coleman - 2020 K. St. NW Washington, DC 20006.

Jim Wagenbach was married April 23rd and therefore didn't get to the reunion,

Dennie Kuhnemund reports - and Dennis reports his own new address as 27 Bellevue Ave.

Rumson, N. J. 07760.

Bob Cronk on a visit to Tokyo attended a reception for Mas Saito who was JCI VP and is Senator 13592 and Hiroshi Maeda former JCI President was there, too. Bob said "what great fun it was to share with our friends in Japan their celebration of this great Jaycee". because he was on this trip Bob was unable to get to our reunion and he said he missed being with us... And Howdy Reynolds had his great night at Honolulu that prevented him from being with us and writes that he just said good-bye to Amelito Mutuc who stopped at Honolulu enroute back to Manila, and that's why Mutuc couldn't be with us.

Walt Wiesman couldn't make it, either; he was elected to the Board of National Council for Community Service to International Visitors and once again working with the State Department, Agency for International Development...

Vic Levit couldn't make it either as he just returned from the national legal malpractice meeting after which he did get to meet Phil Knox and his wife at Washington...and he says his wife was elected Mayor of Belvedere, California so we congratulate her.



We're taking on new "mates" - all recommended by present mates - among them Charles M. Whittington III, 85 Nicewood Dr. Newport News, Va...Art De Wit, 300 National Bank of South Dakota Bldg. Sioux Falls, S.D. 57102; Wm. H. Loy, Atty. 218 S. Maple St. Martinsburg, West VA 25401; Rick Mazola, 700 West Dunlap, Phoenix, Az 85021.

New addresses have come in - Alan Walkins c/o Mid-Pacific Press, Inc. 744 Ala Moana, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

The New York City Jaycees, 500 Fifth Ave. New York NY 10036 invite all the Crew members to their installation on June 2nd when their guest of honor will be our mate General Robert Condon who was President of the U. S. Jaycees way back in 1927; I hope many of you mates can attend it as a tribute to Bob.

Ralph Bradford addressed the annual meeting of the Sarasota Navy Club and was introduced by Roz Rosengren...George Spencer of Columbia, Mo. on receipt of his Ambassador Award earned a great spread in the local paper and reported George saying "I believe the Jaycees have done more for me than I have done for them" which I'm sure we all agree.

Our Canadian mate, Bert Kesseler, has devoted much time and effort in promoting badminton in Canada and he accompanied the Canadian team to Malmo, Sweden for the World Championships...Frank Mueller has been honored by University of Nebraska with the Distinguished Service Award Carl Hudson reports; and Carl is back in Lincoln now... and I was glad to be the speaker at the Centralia, Illinois Jaycees annual meeting and install their new officers on May 6th so I'm on the circuit again.

I'm using the letterheads this time of D. H. Baldwin Co., the parent company of the bank of which Eric Schmidt is President. Thanks, Eric, for sending them...Frank Stolfi gave me his corrected address - 7 Grilley Road, Wolcott, Conn. 06712 so ke'll get the Log again...and he recommends for the Crew Pat Iannuzzi 130 Peck Lane, Bristol, Conn.. And Dick Harvey writes on stationery of Niagara Falls Country Club "I'm still functioning pretty well after the stroke I suffered" and we wish him complete restoration to health.

In looking back at the reunion, the joy of friendship was so evident to me and is the greatest dividend from our Jaycee years. It reminded me of the words of Ruth H. Underhill who said so eloquently

"Friendship is the silver key that unlocks the door of happiness".

Cordially,

John H. Armbruster Keeper of the Log