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Thanks to the constant dedication of Col. Roz Rosengren, our "100 THOUSAND DOLLAR CREW" has now reached a total of 109 illustrious members. This is certainly a fabulous tribute to Roz's great leadership.

I have been blessed recently by visiting via telephone with Orville Spreen of St. Louis, who was a volunteer secretary and historian of the Junior Chamber movement. Orville has promised that as soon as he and his wife are in better health, he will allow us to tape a conversation with him concerning our history. This will be available for all visitors to the Archives at The U. S. Jaycees Headquarters in Tulsa to hear.

We had the pleasure of receiving correspondence from Larry Hughes of Santa Monica, California. Larry was a close friend of the late Harry Krusz but admits he was one of the babies of the group. He will be 77 years old within the next two weeks and joined the organization in 1921. He mentioned being involved with the Francis Home, a member of the Jaycee basketball team, and assisting in a speaking project, yet he tells us he was a follower and not a leader. We cannot believe that!

Ken Shirk, Jr. has sent us an article entitled "On Capitol Hill" which refers to a gathering of the members of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity who are involved in work on The Hill. Those attending the meeting honored Wendell H. Ford who is, as you know, a past national president of this organization and was Kentucky's 49th governor before his election to the U. S. Senate in 1964. Congratulations, Wendell. The Yeoman was a Lambda Chi pledge for a year during the depression but never had the funds to become a full member.

Frank Vanderlip and Mark Matthews are being approached to interview past president Bob Condon in New York. This would be most valuable for the organization as Bob is our oldest living president.

William W. Suttle of the American Insurance Association in Atlanta, Georgia, has requested that we take on board as a member of the CREW William R. (Bill) McDonald who was a national director in 1964 and '65. This recommendation has been passed along to our Steering Committee for final approval.

What a thrill it is to be a part of an organization that is composed of men like Allen Whitfield, who has sent to us some information regarding a dear friend. Richard W. Kemler, past president of The U. S. Jaycees from Marshalltown, Iowa, was recently appointed to the Iowa Conservation Commission by Governor Robert Ray. Dick was the first president of The U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce who became a resident of Tulsa immediately upon his move to the old temporary Headquarters, the Akdar Building.

At the beginning of this Log I mentioned the wonderful response to the "100 THOUSAND DOLLAR CREW" without expressing the appreciation of all members of the CREW for these contributions. The large majority of contributors were not national officers, which is an even greater indication of the dedication of the past members who have been touched deeply by this organization. We thank each and every donor which includes one young man who signed the pledge the day after he joined The U. S. Jaycees.

We recently received a phone call from Bob Lindholm informing us that Senator Wendell H. Ford arranged for Bob to meet with the director of the "Archivists of the Smithsonian Institute." The Smithsonian director is arranging for a top-flight archivist to assist us with the cataloging and storage of the documents and memorabilia of the Archives. Bob is also working with the Smithsonian on securing the services of "an exhibit man" to help design the permanent Archives display.

Bob also recently became a member of The U. S. Jaycees War Memorial Building Trustees and was broken in by veteran Tom Baldrige with an inspection tour of the entire U. S. Jaycees Headquarters--which even included the roof. He agrees with all of us that Tom has not slowed down and still carries a complete filing cabinet in his coat pockets. We dropped Tom off at his hotel forty-five minutes prior to his flight's departure for Washington and, believe it or not, he packed his bag, caught a taxi, and made the plane which is twenty minutes out of downtown Tulsa. Keep them sailing, Tom!

Aaron Schoen, a youngster of 83, suggested Orville Spreen as a trustee of the U. S. Jaycees Foundation to fill the vacancy created by John Armbruster's death. However, because of his desire to remain home with his wife and not travel, it was deemed advisable to accept the recommendation as the tribute it is to Orville without obligating him to activities which would be difficult for him to perform. Aaron, we appreciate your suggestion and promise that we will obtain the tape recorded interview with Orville as soon as his health permits.

Secretary General Carroll Bouchard, of Jaycees International, and a member of the CREW, was the guest of the fellowship group in Washington, D. C. on Wednesday morning the 26th of July. All enjoyed seeing Carroll again.

We are anxious to hear from everyone news concerning fellow members of the CREW. We particularly ask that past presidents contact their executive committees in order for us to receive all possible information about our mates.

We have received a lovely letter from Mrs. Thomas Ollie in which she expresses her appreciation for continuing the John Armbruster quotes.

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Many thanks to Colonel Carl Junge, Retired, of Sun City, Arizona for the letterhead we used for this issue of The Log. It is really exciting to see the letterhead from our mate's companies and homes and we would welcome your letterhead. The printing of the Log requires 1,000 sheets, and should be sent to The U. S. Jaycees Foundation, P. O. Box 7, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74102. We have heard that several CREW members collect these letterheads!

In closing, I have found an item which had been in John Armbruster's files for future use. I would like to quote it.

John Donne, the great 17th century poet-philosopher, wrote:

"No man is an island,
No man stands alone;
Each man's joy is joy to me,
Each man's grief is my own;
We need one another,
And so I will defend,
Each man as my brother,
Each man as my friend."

What a beautiful choice of words, which was undoubtedly prompted by a quotation from the Bible: 1 Cor. 12:26, "and whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all members rejoice with it. "

Cordially,



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