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Log of the S. S. Fellowship

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As this is the first issue of The Log in our new year, we wanted to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of our dear friends a happy and prosperous new year. May 1979 bring you the best of everything.

Despite what you read in the December issue of The Log, Ramsay Cruett is alive. We deeply regret our error in reporting Ramsay's death. It is with additional sadness that we report Ramsay's wife of 43 years died November 7, 1978 after a long illness. Ramsay wrote: "I am very much alive. Somebody 'Goofed.' My wife, Emily B. Cruett, died on November 7th with a serious heart condition. She had been in the hospital for three months before she passed away and had been ill for the last three years. We had been married for 43 years." Our sincere apologies to Ramsay and our fellow Crew members for this mistake. Ramsay added "I would like to wish a very happy New Year for 1979 to all of my long-time Jaycee friends and hope to see them at the Crew Reunion in Washington on April 27-29, 1979." Ramsay, we hear, will also attend the 40th Annual Virginia Jaycees Reunion in Williamsburg February 17th.

And while we're on the subject of reunions, we had the pleasure of seeing Crew Reunion Chairman Chuck Shearer while he was in Tulsa for the U. S. Jaycees Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting. He gave us some information to pass along to you: The Rosslyn Hyatt House in Washington will be the Reunion Hotel. Chuck reports that rooms are \$34 for a single and \$38 for a double. (The parking is free!) Needless to say, there will no longer be a reception at the Nationalist Chinese Embassy, but Chuck promised a great replacement. The river boat dinner aboard the Dandy begins at 7:30 Saturday night and lasts for about four hours, complete with dinner and dancing. As of yet there is no registration fee and Chuck assured us that it will not be high. We'll include a registration form with the February issue of The Log. Chuck especially urges all of the new Crew members to make a special effort to attend this unique "alumni" experience.

Bob Lindholm who attended the 41st TOYM Congress with his beautiful wife, **Lois**, called us to nominate one of this year's honorees for Crew membership: Calvin Bohleen of Montana. Cal is an active Jaycee and successful businessman despite tremendous adversity. He is a wonderful man and will add a great deal to the Crew of the S. S. Fellowship.

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George A. Schloegel sent a welcome to the Dick Hahn's; you'll remember Dick as Indiana State President, U. S. Jaycees National Vice President, and Chairman of the Board of the U. S. Jaycees Foundation. Dick and family have just moved to Marietta, Georgia and George wrote: "Dixie welcomes the Dick Hahns to the Sun Belt." Dick's new address is 3235 Brookview Drive, Marietta, GA 30067. ✓

Allen Whitfield of Des Moines (National President in 1935-36) called several days ago to share some very special news with the mates of the S. S. Fellowship: Lay Leishman of Pasadena served as the Grand Marshall of the 1979 Rose Parade on New Year's Day. He and his wife, who also rode with him in the Parade this year, share a unique distinction: Lay is the only man to ever be honored by being asked to be the Grand Marshall more than once. He opened the Rose Parade New Year's Day about 40 years ago! Congratulations to Lay on this great honor.

John M. White of Norfolk wrote to us recently to tell us how much he enjoys reading news of his fellow Crew members. "It is always a welcome and newsy mailing." He told us that he, Ramsay Cruett, and LeRoy Ober are looking forward to the Crew Reunion in April. It's only January now, though, so if you have news of you and your family or of fellow Crew members, please let us know. As John wrote, we all look forward to hearing of each other.

Here's news for The Log:

(signed)

We are pleased to welcome into the Crew the following men who have been proposed for membership and accepted by the Steering Committee: Gerald Weinstein, Horn, Weinstein, Kaplan and Goldbern, Suite 200, 1st National Bank of South Jersey, 1301 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401; ✓ Jim Corey, 1221 Cashman Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89102; ✓ Governor George Nigh, 211 State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, OK; ✓ Dr. Edward Annis, 9999 NE 2nd Ave, Suite 303, Miami Shores, Florida 33138; ✓ and Warren G. Smith of Ohio and Bill Swofford of Kansas (for whom we do not yet have complete addresses). Welcome to the Crew, gentlemen. We look forward to seeing you in April.

✓ Len Newton, New Jersey State President in 1960, wrote to tell us that he has just delivered to DOE a Regional Assistance Plan for helping local governments cut energy costs by 10-30%. Len said he would welcome inquiries about how to save energy from Crew members. By the way, he is an energy efficient travel consultant in marketing communications. You can write to Len at 90 Dempsey Ave., Princeton, NJ 08540.

Many thanks to General George Olmsted of Washington for this month's letterhead. George is Chairman of the Board of the International Bank and we were delighted to learn that The U. S. Jaycees Foundation has captured his recollections and insights about the Junior Chamber on tape for the Jaycee Archives.

We were delighted to receive more news of Crew members who have been successful in political bids. Our training really pays off, and becomes evident at each election. George M. Sullivan of Alaska was just re-elected Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage. George has been mayor of this community for 11 years and this, his final term, will mean that he has served as Mayor longer than any other Mayor of Anchorage.

The state of Idaho is about to have four new residents: Sam Seever and his family are moving to Boise where Sam will assume his duties as Executive Director of the Idaho Bar Association. Sam is currently Executive Director of Public Relations for The U. S. Jaycees and Director of the Foundation. Congratulations to Sam and to Idaho.

It is with tremendous pleasure that we are able to report the location of our oldest living president: General Robert E. Condon of Briarcliff Manor, New York. For years Bob's mail has been returned but with the assistance of Frank Vanderlip we were able to locate Bob. To the delight of everyone who attended TOYM this year, Bob was the honored guest of the U. S. Jaycees Foundation and made each event very special with his presence. He told wonderful stories about his days with Hy Giessenbier, John Armbruster, Andy Mungenast, and Harry Kruze. The most exciting thing for everyone was to see Bob and our dear friend Charlotte Mungenast walk into dinner together and receive a three minute standing ovation from the 100 current Jaycee leaders who were attending. Bob promises to attend the Crew Reunion in April and we will hold him to his word. For all of you who would like to get in touch with Bob, his address is 225 Central Drive, Briarcliff Manor, New York 10510. By the way, Bob was president in 1926-27.

We received a long letter from Zip Zipperer of South Carolina about an idea he and some fellow South Carolina Crew members have. They are thinking about the creation of a "mini-Crew" in South Carolina so that they can see each other more than once a year. The response to the idea was so good that they are having an organizational meeting February 24-25 in Columbia. Let us hear about the meeting, Zip!

Zip's eagerness to get the close friendships formed during our active years together makes us realize even more how great John Armbruster's idea of The Log is--it keeps those of us who are unable to visit personally in touch. As we're sure you understand, the costs of producing The Log are high and it was the custom when The Log was first begun in the early 30's for Crew members to chip-in once a year to help with mailing costs. Then, until his death in February 1978 John Armbruster assumed the costs himself. Perhaps you would like to send a check to help with these expenses. If you make your check payable to The U. S. Jaycees Foundation and earmark it for The Log your contribution is tax deductible. We also want to add our sincere thanks to the Crew members who responded to the December appeal. We appreciate you!

It was such a wonderful pleasure to see so many members of the Crew in Tulsa for the 41st TOYM Congress, a wonderful idea begun by our dear friend Durward Howes. We saw Charlotte Mungenast, Bob Condon, Bruce Palmer, Chuck Shearer, Ray Noxsel, Chuck Fries, Phil Thompson, Larry Olson, Bob Lindholm, and other people we hope to see again in April. One of this year's honorees is a young man from Montana who is a quadriplegic as a result of a rodeo accident. His acceptance speech was one full of joy and courage and this, coupled with seeing so many dear firends makes the following quote very pertinent. John Armbruster closed the May 1944 Log with it:

"After you have lost everything, you realize for the first time how precious are the things you still have. . . the things you hold in common with all men. . . the air to breathe and the blessed sun to warm you. . . friendship. . . the everyday delights of human association"

Armbruster added: "How precious we, too, of the Crew find 'Friendship and the everyday delights of human association.' "