
SPRING 1997

Reunion 1997 is Coming Soon!

The 1997 Reunion of The Crew is just around the corner! It's not too late to make plans to be in Phoenix, Arizona, on Thursday through Sunday, May 1-4, 1997. Mate **Hugh McKenna** (PO Box 50307, Phoenix, AZ 85076), who started the organizing process, is the event coordinator. Mate **Colonel A. Park Shaw, Jr.** (PO Box 1418, Carefree, AZ 85377) is handling hotel arrangements; mate **Bill Buck** (377 E. Clarendon, Phoenix, AZ 85012), air-travel arrangements and the tour of the Grand Canyon.

Room reservations must be made directly with the Hyatt Regency Phoenix, 122 North Second Street, Phoenix, AZ. Call the hotel directly at (602) 252-1234 or toll-free (800) 233-1234. Make sure you mention The Crew to receive our special group rate of \$85.00 single/double (plus 10.625% tax). Reservations must be made by April 11, 1997 to ensure you get that rate.

A registration fee of \$87.00 for the main events is available, with partial registrations available at reduced costs for those mates, spouses and friends unable to attend the entire weekend. A registration form is included in this issue of The Log. Golf outings are planned for Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, May 1 and 2. A tour of the Grand Canyon is scheduled for Friday, May 2; however, you need to get your reservation in by April 15th to get your space on the bus. Besides classic Crew Hospitality all weekend, current plans tentatively include:

USJCC President (and mate) **Mike Marshall** (US Junior Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 7, Tulsa, OK 74121-0007) and Executive Vice President Tim Jackson (US Junior Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 7, Tulsa, OK 74121-0007) plan to attend, as of this writing, and will speak Saturday morning. The speaker for the Saturday luncheon will be Sheriff Joe Arpio, the man who made his inmates wear pink shorts, who will speak on law enforcement and punishment. Mate **Jim Skidmore** (President & CEO, Science Management Corp., 721 US Hwy 202/206, Bldg. 2, Bridgewater, NJ 08807-1760) will grace us with some of his wisdom and then preside over an afternoon round table discussion on reinvigorating civic endeavor.

Crew members seem to be nearly unanimous in the opinion that the most valuable part of the reunions has been the Friday evening receptions, where individuals, who have not seen each other for a while, can enjoy intensive interaction. This observation has led to a decision to eliminate a Saturday banquet and allow every evening to be used to refresh one-on-one associations.

Mate **Phil Knox** (3337 American River Dr., Sacramento, CA 95864) will preside at a Sunday prayer brunch and memorial service. Mate **George Fraser** (c/o Spexarth Land Company, 5550 Highway 101 N, Seaside, OR 97138) will be a speaker. And mate **Hugh McKenna** will chair the closing luncheon featuring a special guest speaker.

Register now!

National Exchange Club EVP Dave Nershi

Mate **Dave Nershi** (28729 Simmons Road, Toledo, OH 43551) former Executive Director of the U.S. Jaycees Foundation, is now Executive Director of the National Exchange Club, a service organization with 35,000 members in 1,000 clubs across the United States and Puerto Rico. Exchange programs include youth programs, community service and Americanism. The Exchange national project is prevention of child abuse. There are 75 Exchange Child Abuse Prevention Centers across the nation. Since the program was adopted in 1979, more than 81,000 children have been helped.

Dave points out that there are many similarities between Exchange and the Jaycees. Exchange is a great way for Jaycees to continue to be influential in public affairs after "aging out."

From State Official to Hobby Fisherman

Mate **Don Richwine** (Box 204 Marston Ave. Urbanna, VA 23175) has retired to his home town after serving the Commonwealth of Virginia for his entire career. Don's wife, Judy, is going to continue work as a middle school librarian, but Don says his intention is to take advantage of the wonderful fishing and crabbing on the broad reaches of the Rappahanock River 12 miles from Chesapeake Bay. Don's continuing public service is through their church, Trinity United Methodist.

We lose another champion campaigner

Mate **Mack Koonce** (Box 6146, Hot Springs, AR 71902) reports the passing of veteran manager of political campaigns, **Deloss Walker**. Deloss was Arkansas State President, 1966-67 and National Chaplain in 1966-67. Deloss was the manager of 90 political campaigns for the U.S. Senate, Governor and the U. S. House of Representatives. His score: 77 victories.

Another Dynasty

Mate **Jack Hoel** (24186 McCoy Rd. El Toro, CA 92630) reveals that his wife, **Pricilla Armbruster Hoel**, is the oldest daughter of **John Armbruster**, founder of The Crew and long-time publisher of *The Log*.

Who's the oldest former National Vice President?

Mate **Jimmy Kendall** (8401 Tobin Rd. Annandale, VA 22003) speculates that he might be the oldest former NVP. Jim was NVP in 1946-47. When is your 80th birthday, Jim? Mate **Bill Gilchrist's** 82nd birthday is October 26. Bill (646 Washington St. Cumberland, MD 21502) was NVP in 1949-50. My 80th is July 4 says Co-Keeper of The Log, **Ralph Rohweder**. What other mates want to compete in the oldest geezer sweepstakes?

"We should be careful to get out of an experience only the wisdom that is in it - - - and stop there; lest we be like the cat that sits down on a hot stove lid. She will never sit down on a hot stove lid again, and that is well; but also she will never sit down on a cold one anymore."

-- Mark Twain.

Daryl Watts protects workers' rights

Mate **Daryl Watts** (410 S.E. 3rd St. Eagle Grove, IA 50533) is Vice-Chairman of Iowans for Right to Work. The organization supports the rights of workers to make their own choices regarding membership in unions and support of partisan political activity. Of special concern is violent intimidation of workers.

The Travel Agents' Best Friends

Mate **Al Krieg** (15744 N.E. Fremont St. Portland, OR 97230) and his wife spend much of their time traveling. Al retired several years ago; sometimes they are in one of their homes - in Portland in summer and Florence, Arizona in winter. He writes that the Jaycees will always have a hallowed place in his heart. He attends Senators' meetings when he is in Portland.

Wedding Bells

Mate **Stephanie (Pfeifer) Pedersen** (18154 E. Alabama Place, Suite E, Aurora, CO 80017) recently wed Leslie Petersen and bought a new home. Congrats, Stephanie, and welcome to our family, Leslie!

Two Tireless Civic Leaders

Mates **Ed Arnold** and **George B. Scott** are co-chairs of the campaign to build a Boys and Girls Club in Fountain Valley, California. They have raised \$1.6 million and are closing in on the needed \$600,000 for completion. George (16540 Harbor Blvd. Fountain Valley, CA 9270) is the Mayor of Fountain Valley. He has served on the city council continuously since his active Jaycee days. Ed is sports anchor/reporter for KTLA television (5800 Sunset Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90028) George recruited Ed into the Jaycees in 1968 and made his nominating speech when Ed was elected California State Jaycee President in 1973.

Calling Jaycees of the 1969-70 era

Mate **Mike Maistros** (101 Windermere Drive, St. Clairsville, OH 43950) wants to hear from Jaycees of the 1969-70 period. Mike is continuing to volunteer in the Jaycee spirit. He was charter president of the Sunrise Rotary Club of St. Clairsville, Ohio, president of the St. Clairsville Education Foundation, chairman of the St.C schools business advisory council and health division advisory council for Belmont Technical College.

Now he's counting his own money

Mate **Gordon Elliott** (1736 East Sunshine, Springfield, MO 65804) is a certified public accountant who heads an accounting firm, but his big stake is in his 1,000 multi-family housing units and his 5 hotels. Gordon is past president of the Missouri State Board of Accounting and past treasurer of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is a life member of JCI. The list of his titles in civic organizations is too long for this little newsletter.

Next Crew Reunion in Ottawa, Canada?

The capital of Canada, like the capital of the United States can be a rich source of information in our realm of public affairs interests. So discussions have begun about the possibility of a reunion of The Crew in Ottawa. Canadian members of The Crew are very active. Mate **Steve Prosenyak** (214 Banbury Rd. Don Mills, Ontario M3B 3C5, Canada) is president of the Canada JCI Senate. He reports plans to make proposals in Phoenix this May.

The National Order of Trench Rats

Mate **Fred Sutton** (676 Ohio St. Terre Haute, IN 47807) followed his service as state commander of the Disabled American Veterans by becoming national commander of the National Order of Trench Rats with the fancy title of Imperial Golden Rodent. Fred is still running his insurance agency at age 76.

"A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices."

-- William James

Consider the Calgary Stampede

Mate **Jim Dokken** (4927 Rundlevview Rd. N.E. Calgary AB T1Y 1J3, Canada) past president of the Canadian JCI Senate, reports that he spent a week with mate **Jim Harmaty** (3352 Stoney Point Rd. Grand Island, NY 14072) touring western New York state. Jim Harmaty was the U.S. Jaycee's ambassador to Canada for six years. Jim Dokken recommends the high adventure of attendance at the Calgary stampede this summer. The World Police and Fire Games will take place at the same time and place.

Mates Meet

Mate **Ken Shirk** and wife Romaine (P.O. Box 1552, Lancaster, PA 17608) spent an evening with **Doug and Annetta Hoge** (2200 Victory Pkwy. Cincinnati, OH 45206) when Ken had a meeting in Cincinnati. Ken wisely phoned Doug in advance in order to establish a night to get together. Ken was legal counsel for the USJCC and JCI almost half a century ago.

Where are they now?

Just the other day, mate **Bob Glines** (17330 S. Maria Ave., Cerritos, CA 90703-1132) called looking for some mates who ran against him for USJCC President at the 1968 National Convention in Phoenix. Bob has been looking for mates **Hank Shyne** (200 Grand Cove Way, Apt. 4-H, Edgewater, NJ 07020) from New Jersey, **Bruce Coble** from Pennsylvania, **Jimmy Grant** (1254 Westgate Parkway, Dothan, AL 36303) from Alabama, **Mack Koonce** (Koonce & Associates, PO Box 6146, Hot Springs, AR 71902) from Arkansas, **Roger Jenkins** from Washington, and eventual winner **Wendell Smith** (590 Pleasant Lake Rd., Pleasant Lake, MI 49272) from Michigan. While we were able to give Bob some information, we're still trying to track down Bruce Coble and Roger Jenkins. If you have any information on these two fellows, drop a note to the Keeper of The Log and we'll pass it on to Bob, or you can contact him and us direct.

Bob's health hasn't been so good of late, but he likes to hear from his mates. Drop Bob a note, call him, or drop by to relive valuable memories.

Bob also tells us that his daughter, Karen Spillbury, is a candidate for California Jaycees State President. Is it in the genes?

Sympathy to...

Our sympathies go out to those mates who lost a loved one...

Mate and current USJCC President **Mike Marshall** (PO Box 7, Tulsa, OK 74121-0007) lost his mother in early January. Memorials may be made in Marilyn Marshall's name to the Junior Chamber Mission Inn Foundation.

Mate **Mike Milder** (PO Box 3707, Omaha, NE 68103) lost his son, Mike II, suddenly in January. Mike II was serving as local chapter president of the Millard, Nebraska Jaycees at the time of his death. Mike and his wife ask that any memorials be made to the "Millard Jaycees/Mike Milder Memorial Fund", c/o Patti Meisinger, 16011 Josephine St., Omaha, NE 68136.

From the Keepers of The Log --

"There is a natural and necessary progression from the extreme of anarchy to the extreme of tyranny. . . Arbitrary power is most easily established on the ruins of liberty abused to licentiousness."

-- George Washington

Curator of a Classic

Mate **Ray Battaglini** (1200 Kirby N.E. Albuquerque, NM 87112) is president of the National Corvette Museum, located in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The 68,000 square foot building is dedicated to the Corvette legend. But the legend is not nearly as great as the superb new '97 Corvette. Better balance, better handling, better ride, better seating comfort. The Corvette is finally a respectable match for the great sports cars of Europe and Japan. Will there be an opportunity to test drive this jewel in Bowling Green?

TAPS...

Mate **DeWitt Shingleton** (Clarksburg, WV) passed this life during January 1997, after a long bout with cancer. He remained upbeat to the end, and passed on under the loving eyes of some of his closest Jaycee friends, Konrad and Joanne Melkus, also of Clarksburg, WV.

At the beginning of March, mate **Gary Hogue** (Sioux City, IA) passed this life from a heart attack while at his office. Gary served as Historian for the US JCI Senate for many years. He is survived by his wife Marilyn (1914 Summit, Sioux City, IA 51104), son Gary Jr. and daughters Debbie and Beth.

We just got word that mate **Fred Driver** (Miami, FL) passed away October 6, 1996, at the age of 92. Some of you may remember Fred when he was a National Vice President and developed the national "Future" magazine. After retiring as Major in charge of the US War Department Bureau of Public Relations, New York Office, after WWII service, he arrived in Miami aboard his schooner "The Grey Gull" in December 1945, and entered the ship and yacht brokerage business. Fred is survived by his wife Jane (7001 SW 111 Place, Miami, FL 33173-2132) and daughters Jane Ann (Mrs. John D.) Gass and

Juliana (Mrs. LCDR Matthew, US Navy) Lawless. Along with a memorial to the US Jaycees Foundation, Jane wrote "We know how much [Fred] enjoyed the Jaycees and receiving the Log with news of the S.S. Fellowship."

And, in contacting people about the 1997 Reunion, mate **Hugh McKenna** found that mates **William Dineen** (Milwaukee, WI) and **Frank Mueller** (Alexandria, VA) had also passed away.

Win a 1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo!

Mate (and US Jaycees Foundation Trustee) **George Fraser** (5550 Highway 101 N, Seaside, OR 97138) has started a new fundraising program for the Foundation. The Foundation is raffling off chances to win a new 1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo (pictured below), loaded with accessories. Only 5,500 tickets will be sold, with a voluntary donation of \$25.00 for each ticket. If you order 4 tickets, you get 1 Free! For tickets, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope and your check or money order to Mate (and Foundation Trustee) **W.L. "Hap" Hilbish** (3560 W. Estate Dr., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814). Void where prohibited. All donations will be refunded if a minimum amount of tickets are not sold. The drawing is scheduled for June 26, 1997, at the USJCC Annual Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. While the winner need not be present to win, they will have to pay Michigan sales tax, registration and destination charges.

You won't want to miss the...

1997 Crew Reunion

***May 1-4, 1997
Phoenix, Arizona***

...see inside for details

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