

Minutes

Athenaeum Society

January 8, 2004

The January 8, 2004 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Marlin Anderson.

Following dinner of salad, lima beans, green beans, candied yams, mashed potatoes, ham, chicken, rolls and apple cobbler, President David Cavanah called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 26 of 40 members were present. Guests were Christopher Schweizer and Lawrence Moore. Minutes of the December 4, 2003 Meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,021.68 was in the bank account.

In a change from normal procedure, a tag team paper was presented by **Marvin Denison**, member since 1986 and number 18 in seniority, and **Mark Schweizer**, member since 1993 and number 26 in seniority.

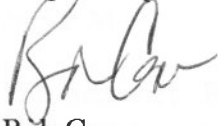
The paper was titled "A Tale of Two Papers - Two Heads are Better Than One or It Could Be Verse". Mr. Denison's role in this tag team presentation was to define epic poetry, its themes and evolution over time, until it virtually disappeared in the 20th century. One of the latest attempts of epic poetry was Frank Stanford's "The Battlefield Where the Moon Says I Love You" a 542 page, twenty thousand line single sentence—totally devoid of punctuation. Not surprisingly, he died young, the recipient of three, self-inflicted, 22 caliber shots to his heart. Interwoven between Mr. Denison's presentations were Mr. Schweizer's epic poetry verses, long in narrative and elevated in style, recounting the deeds of a legendary hero, to wit, Giovanni Potatoe (spelled with an "e"). As the story goes Giovanni ran a small cooking school over the top of his diner. The king, seeking a wife, put him to the task of preparing an enchanted lunch, which the king would have with his princess of choice in order to inherit the kingdom of Dhee. Little did the princess know that the concoction, a potion of love, in fact "The Pizzas of Love", would put her in a spell and accept the king's proposal. The secret ingredient was the heart of a musician. Having to keep the princess in a lengthy spell, Giovanni eventually ran out of musicians. To cover up the absence of musicians, the king made music a capital crime. The wedding took place, but without music, it was a solemn affair. The king and his bride grew feeble and he never became heir to the throne. The king expired and Giovanni leaped to his death realizing as he hit the ground that "The Pizza of Love" had caused the disappearance of music and his own demise. (7:15 - 7:57 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:05 P.M., hearing from Mistrs Westerfield, May, Dougherty, Anderson, Harper, Sivley, C. Tilley, Nicolos and King. It was noted that this was the first meeting in nine years where not one comment began with "I enjoyed both papers". Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the February 5, 2004 meeting were announced as Dr. John Freer and Mr. Hollis White.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Cope
Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes
Athenaeum Society
February 5, 2004

The February 5, 2004 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Hal King.

Following dinner of salad, green beans, mashed potatoes, wieners and sauerkraut, pinto beans, cabbage, chicken and peach cobbler, President David Cavanah called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 22 of 40 members were present. Minutes of the January 8, 2004 meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,312.51 was in the bank account.

William Turner, representing the Meeting Site Committee, reported that the May 6 Open Meeting would be at the Holiday Inn.

Papers were presented by John Freer member since 1995 and number 27 in seniority and Hollis White member since 1999 and number 29 in seniority.

Dr. Freer's paper was titled "*Moral Intelligence*". The paper describes the effect that a mother and father, and their spiritual life, have on their children during the early child rearing years. In general terms, boys and girls who had moral intelligence, even at age six or seven, were "good", were kind, thought about others, had a desire to be tactful and courteous. Dr. Robert Coles, one of Harvard's most respected and revered teachers describes moral intelligence as "a gradually developing capacity to reflect upon what is right and wrong with all the emotional and intellectual resources of the human mind, and that the spiritual life is a part of our psychological life." In essence, "character is caught and not taught". (7:18 - 7:56 P.M.)

Mr. White's paper was titled "*Confrontation*". The paper describes the actions one can take when confrontation enters into your daily life, the most productive and self gratifying being to (1) change your attitude and (2) change your behavior. Furthermore, while a problem person is talking, "blend visibly and audibly, back track using the persons own words, clarify meaning and intent, summarize what you heard and confirm you got it right". If all else fails - GO FISHING. (7:57 - 8:10 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:28 P.M., hearing from Misters Sivley, C. Tilley, and King. Rebuttals, of which there were none, followed.

The presenters for the March 4, 2004 meeting were announced as Mr. Robert Ison and Mr. Marlin Anderson.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Cope
Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes
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March 4, 2004

The March 4, 2004 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Peter Nicolos.

Following dinner of salad, Mexican corn, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, turnip greens, sauerkraut with polish sausage, barbeque chicken chocolate cake and peach cobbler, President David Cavanah called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 27 of 40 members were present. Minutes of the February 5, 2004 meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,206.31 was in the bank account.

President Cavanah reminded the Nominating Committee that they need to make recommendations for 2004 -2005 President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasury at the April Meeting.

Papers were presented by **Robert Ison** member since 2000 and number 31 in seniority and **Marlin Anderson** member since 2001 and number 33 in seniority.

Mr. Ison's paper was titled "Could You Raise a Boy Genius? The Story of Ryan Patterson". The paper is about the gifted life of boy genius Ryan Patterson, who electrified the world and surprisingly not himself or his parents as he experimented with electricity when he was still in diapers. By the time he is in high school, he invented a glove with tiny resistors and a wireless liquid crystal display to be used by the deaf in communicating with others. The invention won him the \$50,000 Intel Young Scientist Scholarship Award, the guest of honor place at the Nobel awards in Stockholm and nine other special awards totaling \$216,000 in cash and scholarships. Mr. Ison maintains that he read about Ryan in an issue of GQ Magazine found in the restroom at his law firm. He swears that the magazine belonged to one of the other partners, some of whom also deny ownership. Sounds like this could be headed for the courts to decide. (7:20 - 7:54 P.M.)

Mr. Anderson's paper was titled "Serendipity in Science and a Few Interesting Facts". The paper describes how chance or circumstances led to fame and notoriety for some people involved in the development of science. For example, Carl Anderson received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1936 for his discovery of the anti-particle of the electron, while conducting an experiment using a cloud chamber to study nuclear disintegration of matter caused by cosmic ray showers. Einstein developed the theory of relativity, but in the process of doing this, discovered the photoelectric effect for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize. Other interesting facts: Galileo was one of the few people referred to by his

first name; Newton is said to be the founder of a mechanistic view of theology, believing that the universe was like a big machine created and put in motion by God; Ben Franklin created the drink, "bumper", a glass tumbler filled with water into which he had inserted a charge, giving the sipper a jolt; and lastly, "Is Hell exothermic or endothermic?" - Is the temperature and pressure in Hell increasing until all Hell breaks loose or is it decreasing until Hell freezes over? (7:55 - 8:30 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:50 P.M., hearing from Misters Schweizer, John Tilley, Brasher, Love, Sivley, Freer, Fuqua and Charles Tilley. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the April 1, 2004 meeting were announced as Mr. Terry Fuqua and Mr. John Tilley.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Cope
Secretary/Treasurer

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April 1, 2004

The April 1, 2004 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Marvin Denison.

Following dinner of salad, corn on the cob, green beans, pinto beans, mixed vegetables, scalloped potatoes, Salisbury steak, oriental rice, rolls and peach cobbler, President David Cavanah called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 17 of 40 members were present. Charles Tilley introduced his guest, Dr. Ralph Green. Minutes of the March 4, 2004 meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,017.07 was in the bank account.

Bob Sivley reported for the Nominating Committee, recommending Paul D. Guffey for 2004 -2005 President, George Byars for Vice-President and Robert Cope for Secretary-Treasury. Motion by Hal King, seconded by Peter Nicolos, motion passed. President Cavanah reported that Kenneth Cayce has indicated that he would like to be transferred to Honorary Member status. Motion by D. D. Cayce, seconded by Hal King, motion passed. Secretary Cope is to write an appreciation letter to Mr. Cayce for his many years of membership, since 1969.

Papers were presented by Terry Fuqua member since 2002 and number 38 in seniority and John Tilley member since 2002 and number 39 in seniority.

Dr. Fuqua's paper was titled "How to or Not to Present Your First Paper at Athenaeum". Dr. Fuqua's paper outlined, in a humorous fashion, several unwritten rules in the selection of topics and delivery of the paper: Avoid topics on which the presenter is totally ignorant. Steer clear of wandering. Avoid topics such as profanity and sex. The speaker should be concise and clear. Never fail to use humor. Be brief. Dr. Fuqua's lengthy and humorous paper kept the attention of the audience, to the degree that it seemed to last only ten minutes. (7:23 - 7:32 P.M.)

Mr. Tilley's paper was titled "Reality Television: Paradise Lost". The paper describes the evolution of Reality Television, which could have started in 1963 when we watched Jack Ruby shoot Lee Harvey Oswald on the first live television broadcast of a murder. PBS actually gave birth to these new phenomena in 1973 when it aired the series *An American Family*. In the aftermath, such shows as *COPS*, *America's Most Wanted*, *Candid Camera*, *Survivor* (which has spawned more than 200 reality shows since its airing in 2000), *American Idol*, *The Apprentice* (with Donald Trump, bad hair and all), *Average Joe*,

Bachelorette, Playing It Straight, Fear Factor and on and on. Why are we subjected to this type of programming? What ever happened to *Leave It To Beaver, Cheers, or Andy Griffith?* (7:33 - 7:55 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:17 P.M., hearing from Misters Dougherty, Harper, Westerfield, Sivley, C. Tilley (after his notes were found in the ladies restroom and turned in by the custodian). Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the May 6, 2004 Open Meeting were announced as Dr. Robert Sivley and Mr. Logan Askew.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

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Bob Cope
Secretary/Treasurer

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The presenters for the April 1, 2004 meeting were announced as Mr. Terry Fuqua and Mr. John Tilley.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Cope
Secretary/Treasurer

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May 6, 2004 Open Meeting

The May 6, 2004 open meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:45 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Judge Jim Adams. President Cavanah welcomed all members and guests to the Annual Open Meeting.

Following dinner of Boneless Chicken Breast in Lemon Pepper Sauce, Virginia Baked Ham, Parsley New Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Green Bean Almondine, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Rolls, Chocolate Extravaganza, and Cheese Cake with Assorted Toppings, President David Cavanah called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M.

The membership introduced their guests indicating 24 of 40 members and 39 guests were present. Minutes of the April 1, 2004 meeting and excuses of past absences were dispensed with.

Papers were presented by Dr. Robert Sivley member since 1970 and number 7 in seniority and Mr. Logan Askew member since 1991 and number 25 in seniority.

Dr. Sivley's paper was titled "Human Evolution & An Aging Society". The paper is a humorous account of what is *wrong* with evolution and although it is not a good way to develop a species, there seems no other way to do it. So we will just have to accept cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration, loss of hearing, hormone changes, and on and on. Even with the advancement of modern surgery and new medications that help prolong life, we are getting older as a society and we are stuck with our T-Model Ford human body, because we have no alternative. (7:30 - 7:50 P.M.)

Mr. Askew's paper was titled "Reverence". The paper describes the concerns about our society, and specifically, our apparent willingness to abandon our historical notions of civility and respect in our dealings with one another as people and as a community. The paper is based on a book by Professor Paul Woodruff, "Reverence, Renewing a Lost Virtue". Reverence is defined as "the capacity to do what is right". Reverence must satisfy one of four conditions: (1) It can't be changed or controlled by human means, (2) It is not fully understood by human experts, (3) It is not created by humans, and (4) It is transcendent. To become more reverent, we must recapture our spirit of family and community through various ceremonies and traditions and be more mannerly. (7:51 - 8:11 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:22 P.M., hearing from Mistery Nash, Adams, Love, Duncan Cavanah, Fuqua, Ison, Higgins and C. Tilley. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the September 2, 2004 meeting were announced as Mr. William Turner and Mr. Scott Kasierski.

Hal King Twinkie Awards for perfect attendance were presented to Charles Tilley, David Cavanah, Peter Nicolos and Bob Cope. Table decorations were awarded to the lucky holders of marked programs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Cope
Secretary/Treasurer

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Athenaeum Society

September 2, 2004

The September 2, 2004 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by William Rowlett.

Following dinner of salad, fried chicken, baked chicken, lima beans, brown beans, mashed potatoes, cabbage, sauerkraut with weenies, rolls and peach cobbler, President Danny Guffey called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 27 of 39 members were present. Minutes of the May 6, 2004 Open Meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$2,285.46 was in the bank account at the end of the 2003-2004 meeting year.

The President reminded those who had not done so, to pay their dues and that there was an increase in the meal cost from \$7.00 to \$9.00. The President appointed the following committees for the year:

<i>Membership Committee</i>	<i>Nominating Committee</i>	<i>Meeting Site Committee</i>	<i>Open Meeting Committee</i>
Charles Tilley	Robert Sivley	William Turner	President
Ken Dougherty	Peter Macdonald	Frank Nash	Vice-President
Scott Kasierski	Marvin Denison	Wynn Radford	Secretary

President Guffey asked for the Membership Committee to report at the October meeting regarding the one vacancy we have to bring the membership to forty. Also for the Meeting Site Committee to report at their discretion since the meal cost has increased.

Papers were presented by William Turner, member since 1964 and number five in seniority and Scott Kasierski, member since 2003 and number 39 in seniority.

Mr. Turner's paper, "Truth, Tradition, or Somewhere in Between (This and That of Local History)", was an interesting account of how one becomes a local historian. One must have a love for the subject, a great amount of energy and curiosity and be willing to spend untold hours in research and writing. The author relates how he was inspired and motivated by a number of individuals, both living and deceased to collect, preserve and share the history of Hopkinsville and Christian County. Those individuals include Urban E. Kennedy, a farmer, County Surveyor, State Legislator, religious leader and this area's first historian who was born in Lincoln County. Also, William Henry Perrin, a Louisville journalist and historian who published the first history of Christian County in 1884, and

never lived here. Others providing inspiration were Wallace H. Henderson, Miss Julia Henry, Ben S. Wood, III and Chris Gilkey, heir apparent to take over as our local historian. But the individual who sparked the ignition in the mind of our historian, was his master teacher, Eugene D. Gough, who forty-six years ago was his teacher at Hopkinsville High School on Walnut Street. (7:25 - 7:52 P.M.)

Mr. Kasierski's paper "The Dream City - The World's Columbian Exposition, 1893", was a recount of the challenges that Chicago faced to host the Chicago World's Fair of 1893, also known as the World's Columbian Exposition. Faced with political, schedule, design, site condition, personal accident and weather problems, not to mention the untimely death from pneumonia of the lead architect, John Root, only days after the architects submitted their first design drafts, the eighteen major buildings and other lesser facilities were completed. On May 1, 1893 the fair opened, but only because 10,000 workers labored through a stormy night cleaning up the grounds. The food and beer flowed in huge portions. The fair was considered a huge success despite 820 cases of diarrhea, 154 cases of constipation, 594 cases of fainting/exhaustion, and yes, one case of severe flatulence. (7:53 - 8:18 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:29 P.M., hearing from Misters Macdonald, Fuqua, Major, May, C. Tilley, Schweizer, King, Love and J. Tilley. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the October 7 meeting were announced as Mr. George Engler and Mr. Wendell Lynch.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Cope
Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes
Athenaeum Society
October 7, 2004

The October 7, 2004 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Hal King.

Following dinner of salad, green beans, mashed potatoes, peas, corn, sauer kraut with weenies, barbeque chicken, rolls and cherry cobbler, President Danny Guffey called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

The Secretary, Bob Cope, called the roll which indicated that 29 of 39 members were present. Minutes of the September 2, 2004 Meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was given by Bob Cope indicating that \$3,253.56 was in the bank account.

The Membership Committee report was given by Charles Tilley. The name of one potential member was submitted for consideration at the November 4 meeting.

President Guffey noted that on this day (October 7), 1763, 241 years ago, the Court of St. James declared by proclamation the lands west of the Appalachians were to be reserved for Indian hunting grounds. And on October 7, 1959, 45 years ago, a Soviet spaceship successfully photographed the far side of the moon.

Papers were presented by George Engler, member since 1983 and number 12 in seniority and Wendell Lynch, member since 2001 and number 33 in seniority.

Mr. Engler's paper was titled "9/11, The Historical Significance". The author details the significance of other 9/11 events from the past, other than September 11, 2001 which many consider to be the most infamous date in history. Dr. Ernest L. Martin, a noted historian, claimed in his book "The Birth of Christ Recalculated" that the Star of Bethlehem, signifying the birth of Christ, can be calculated to within a few hours of September 11, 3 B.C. On September 11, 1782, about 300 Indians and 50 British soldiers began the siege of Ft. Henry, which would be the last battle of the American Revolution. On September 11, 1907 in New York, a new era of battleship construction was achieved, the Connecticut. On September 11, 1960 at the Rome Olympics, Wilma Rudolph won three gold medals in track and Cassius Clay won a gold medal in boxing. There are many more. What else is in store for us on 9/11? (7:25 - 7:43 P.M.)

Mr. Lynch's paper was titled "The Difference is Leadership". The presenter chronicled the first seven Presidents of the United States and their leadership styles as our attention is on this years Presidential Election. George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson had different

leadership styles, but in their own right each was successful. So how have we been successful as a Nation? How have we survived and thrived for over 200 challenging years? The difference is in our leadership...and an unwavering belief and commitment to our form of Government. (7:44 - 8:04 P.M.)

The comment session began at 8:14 P.M., hearing from Misters Freer, J. Tilley, Sivley, Harper, White, Dennison, Rowlett and C. Tilley. Rebuttals followed.

The presenters for the November 4 meeting were announced as Mr. Jim Love and Mr. Robert Harper.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Cope
Secretary/Treasurer