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ATHENAEUM SOCIETY

6 JANUARY 2011

The January meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:30 PM, at the Holiday Inn, Hopkinsville, Ky. Member William Turner gave the invocation.

Following a substantial buffet dinner President Cope called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. and welcomed Mr. Chris Gilkey as a new member of the Society, and acknowledged Marlin Anderson's introduction of his son, a guest visiting from Shanghai, China.

Secretary Nicolos called the roll with 30 of 40 members acknowledging their presence.

Minutes of the December meeting, and the current financial were read, and approved.

President Cope called for excuses from absentees at the December meeting.

The various excuses offered were accepted by the majority.

President Cope referred members to hand outs at each table containing the Societies revised Constitution and By-Laws, which were a result of the changes approved by the membership at the December meeting.

President Cope announced that Danny Gilkey would replace Rich Maduxx as a presenter for the Open Meeting on 5 May, due to the uncertainty of Mr. Maduxx's availability. Additionally, President Cope requested that a member consider volunteering as a presenter to replace John Tilley at the April Meeting, as Mr. Tilley resigned due to conflicting obligations as a State Representative.

President Cope reminded members that the Nominating Committee would be nominating members to serve next year as the Societies Officers, and recommended a volunteer for the Office of Secretary/Treasurer.

The evening's papers were presented by Gorge Byars, a member since 1987, and # 17 in seniority, and Wendell Lynch, a member since 2001 and # 24 in seniority.

Mr. Byar's paper was titled "Gators in the Basement; Pythons in the Bathtub" This paper traced the history of Beech Bend Park on the river outside of Bowling Green. from its origin in 1942 by farmer Charles Garvin, to the present day. The early history was vividly described due to Mr. Byar's hands on experience as a friend of the Garvin family and adventures with Charles Garvin's son, David.

Mr. Lynch's paper was titled "Satchel" This paper traced the life of one Leroy Robert Page, better known by his nickname, Satchel. Bigger than life, a man among boys, in his chosen calling, Professional Baseball .From his joining the semi-pro, all black Mobile Tigers in 1923 to his final game for the Major League's Kansas City Athletics in 1965, at age 59 years, two months and eight days. Satchel noted that "I ain't never had a job, I just always played baseball. Leroy Robert Satchel Page was formally inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York in 1971

Following a short comfort break, comments were entertained followed by rebuttals.

Presenters for the February 3rd meeting were announced as Robert Harper and Charles Russell Guffey.

. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

Peter K. Nicolos
Secretary/Treasurer

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3 FEBRUARY 2011

The February meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 PM, at the Holiday Inn, Hopkinsville, Ky. Member Rev. Howard Willen gave the invocation.

Following a minimal buffet dinner President Cope called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Secretary Nicolos called the roll with 35 of 40 members acknowledging their presence.

Minutes of the January meeting, and the current financial were read, and approved.

President Cope called for excuses from absentees at the January meeting.

The excuses offered were thoroughly original and raised the bar for future absentees. Excuses included "Cruising the Amazon River on the lookout for Piranhas; Reuniting with distant relatives near the Artic Circle in northern Norway; Prosecuting a murder trial to conviction; Electing to celebrate the wife's birthday in lieu of joining the membership", and without question, the most original and evident was, "Growing a mustache".

The excuses were accepted by a hearty voice vote.

President Cope reaffirmed that Danny Gilkey would replace Rich Maduxx as a presenter for the Open Meeting on 5 May, and requested that a member volunteer as a presenter to replace John Tilley at the April Meeting.

President Cope reminded members that the Nominating Committee would be nominating members to serve next year as the Societies Officers, and recommended a volunteer for the Office of Secretary/Treasurer. Those members nominated for office will be confirmed by a voice vote at the April meeting.

The evening's papers were presented by Robert Harper, a member since 2000, and # 22 in seniority, and Charles Russell Guffey, a member since 2005 and # 30 in seniority.

Mr. Harper's paper was titled "WAGNER'S RING CYCLE—An Anthropological Study and Introduction." This paper traced the history of Richard Wagner's Ring Cycle in Bayreuth, a city of Bavaria. The Ring Cycle consists of four operas within an opera. Namely, Das Rheingold, Die Valkure, Siegfried, and Gotterdammerung, or The Twilight of the Gods. It tells the story of a ring of great power and the havoc it causes. In order to attend a presentation of the Ring Cycle, Mr. Harper had waited seven years on the list of those desiring to attend. And, after six days and 16 hours of the Rings, he was free to return to Hopkinsville, exhausted, but thoroughly satisfied by the musical journey that will forever remain with him.

Mr. Guffey's paper was titled "I Don't Don't: How Changing Notions of Marriage & Family Life Have Transformed Modern America." This paper traced the findings of a recent poll conducted by the Pew Research Center and published by Time magazine in an article entitled "Marriage: What's it Good For?" The poll included data that reflected the change in how marriage is currently perceived as opposed to the attitudes prevailing in the mid nineteen hundreds. In 1960, 70% of Americans were married with 67% of people wed before age 30. By 2008, 52 % were married, with only 26% under age 30. In 1978, 28% of Americans believed marriage was obsolete. In 2010, 40% believed so. Additionally, children born out of wedlock increased eight fold over 1960, as more and more cohabitation in lieu of marriage has become accepted within American society. An encouraging finding of the poll is the more educated and financially secure individuals are, the greater percentage marry, are happier, and stay married.

Following a short comfort break, comments and rebuttals followed.

Presenters for the March 3rd meeting are Robert Sivley and James Love.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Peter K. Nicolos
Secretary/Treasurer

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3 MARCH 2011

The March meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:30 PM, at the Holiday Inn, Hopkinsville, Ky. Secretary/Treasurer Peter Nicolos gave the invocation.

Following a never before seen entrée at our buffet dinner President Cope called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Secretary Nicolos called the roll with 32 of 40 members acknowledging their presence.

Minutes of the February meeting, and the current financial were read, and approved.

President Cope called for excuses from absentees at the February meeting.

The unimaginative excuses were accepted by a weak voice vote.

President Cope requested that a member consider volunteering as a presenter to replace John Tilley at the April Meeting. Otherwise, the Secretary would designate a member for that date in lieu of that member presenting a paper during the September meeting.

President Cope reminded members that the Nominating Committee would be nominating members to serve next year as the Societies Officers, and recommended a volunteer for the Office of Secretary/Treasurer. Those members nominated for office will be confirmed by a voice vote at the April meeting.

The evening's papers were presented by Robert Sivley, a member since 1970, and # 4 in seniority, and James Love, a member since 1985 and # 12 in seniority.

Dr. Sivley's paper was titled "MENTAL ILLNESS & CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY". This paper traced the evolution of legal defense in criminal cases dealing with mental illness and criminal responsibility for acts conducted by defendants, and presented opinions on both sides of the argument as how and when is a mental defect or illness deemed a legal or acceptable reason to excuse the severity of the criminal act, or in extreme cases, forgive or exonerate the defendant by a finding of not guilty.

Mr. Love's paper was titled "TWO DEATHS" This paper recounted the recent eulogies he delivered at two funerals. The first, a high school girl friend of many years past in Illinois, filled with warm and humorous remembrances. The second, a local legend, and much beloved citizen of Hopkinsville. One, Robert Elza Cook, with affection and respect, better known as the "Real Bobby Cooks". This eulogy covered Mr. Love's personal relationship with Chief Bobby Cooks and related many, many other instances provided by friends of Bobby's since their childhood days together.

Following a short comfort break, comments and rebuttals followed.

Presenters for April 7 are William Rowlett and James Coursey.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Peter K. Nicolos
Secretary/Treasurer

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7 APRIL 2011

The April meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:30 PM, at the Holiday Inn, Hopkinsville, Ky. Member Marvin Denison gave the invocation.

Following an original rolled sliced beef buffet dinner President Cope called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Secretary Nicolos called the roll with 23 of 40 members acknowledging their presence.

Minutes of the March meeting, and the current financial were read, and approved.

President Cope called for excuses from absentees at the March meeting.

The non original excuses were heartily accepted.

President Cope called for a report from the Nominating Committee. Member Charles David Cavanah reported the committee nominates members Robert E. Ison and Robert Y. Harper for the offices of President and Vice-President respectively, but was not able to provide the name of a volunteer for the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

.President Cope called for a voice vote for the aforementioned nominees and received a unanimous response. of approval. He also, responded that the Secretary/Treasurer would designate a member to assume the office unless a volunteer was not forthcoming by the Open Meeting on May the 5th.

The evening's papers were presented by William Rowlett, a member since 1970, and # 5 in seniority, and James Coursey, a member since 2009 and # 35 in seniority.

Dr. Rowlett's paper was titled "The Bluenoses vs. Bubba". This paper traced the detrimental effect decisions rendered by activists judges and

courts have had on the culture and morality of the American populace, specifically, those citizens and institution which express a belief in a higher authority than elected and appointed officials serving local, state, and national government.

Mr. Coursey's paper was titled "A PASSION FOR PRESERVATION" This paper recounted his life long interest and life work as a preservationist of architecture in homes and commercial buildings. Upon returning to Hopkinsville from many years in New York pursuing his passion, he has become deeply involved in restoration projects within the city, to include his home, historic Lone Oak His presentation included various books, pamphlets and photos of architecturally significant homes and buildings.

Following a short comfort break, spirited comments and rebuttals followed.

Presenters for the Open Meeting on May 5th are Kendrick Dougherty and Danny Gilkey.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Peter K. Nicolos
Secretary/Treasurer

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ATHENAEUM SOCIETY OPEN MEETING
OAKLAND MANOR

5 MAY 2011

The May Open meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:30 PM, at Oakland Manor, Hopkinsville, Ky. Member William Turner gave the invocation.

.President Cope welcomed members and guests and announced dinner.

Following dinner, President Cope called on all members to introduce themselves and their guests.

Although calling of the roll, reading of the minutes and financial report and committee reports are not normally considered during an Open Meeting, President Cope called for a report from the Nominating Committee with regard the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Member Jason Powell reported the committee nominated member Charles David Cavanah for the office. A unanimous voice vote approved the nomination, thereby filling the officers' positions for the 2011/2012 years meetings.

The evening's papers were presented by Kendrick Dougherty, a member since 2001, and # 26 in seniority, and Danny Gilkey, a member since 2009 and # 36 in seniority

.Dr. Dougherty's paper was titled "The Bluegrass Kings". This paper traced the history of horse racing from ancient times to the present day and centered on the culmination of this "Sport of Kings" as exhibited by the grandest race of all, our own Kentucky Derby.

Mr. Gilkey's paper was titled "THE BEAUTIES AND THE BEAST" This paper recounted the life of one Benjamin Franklin Butler, a Major General of the Union Army during the Civil War. His conduct during the occupation of New Orleans beginning in May of 1962 earned him the title of "Beast Butler" by the Southern Press and the genteel ladies of New Orleans.

Following a short comfort break, spirited comments and rebuttals followed

President Cope then presented the Hal King Twinkie Award for perfect attendance through the year to members Rorie, Sivley, Higgins, Radford, Charles Cavanah, Nicolos, Dougherty, Coursey and Gilkey

Secretary Nicolos announced the presenters for the September 1st meeting at the Holiday Inn as Franklin Nash and John Freer

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Peter K. Nicolos
Secretary/Treasurer

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1 SEPTEMBER 2011

President Ison opened the September meeting at the Holiday Inn, Hopkinsville.

Roll was called, and 26 members were present.

Minutes of the April and May meetings were read and approved. The financial report was given and approved.

Excuses for previous absences were given by Danny Guffey, Jim Love, Chris Gilkey, Rich Maddux, Robert Ison, Mitchell Kaye, and William Rowlett.

President Ison pointed out that secretary Dave Cavanah will replace former secretary Peter Nicholas on the Meeting (Executive) Committee.

Papers were presented by Franklin A. Nash, Jr., a member since 1979 and #7 in seniority and John H. Freer, a member since 1995 and #18 in seniority.

In Frank Nash's paper "A Chocolate Covered World," he presented a brief history of chocolate. His interest was sparked during a trip to Brazil where he learned about growth and production of chocolate. Dr. Nash not only provided the society with a summary of 4000 years of chocolate lore but also presented the members with samples of this "food for the gods."

John Free presented his paper "Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde's Triune Brain." In this paper, Dr. Freer describes the concept of the duality of human nature. This duality is made possible by the "triune brain" which is three brain layers, each developed at different times and upon the older layers.

Comments were made by Hollis White, Mitchell Kaye, William Rowlett, Rich Maddux, and Robert Sivley.

Presenters for the October 6th meeting are Peter Nicolos and Howard Willen.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Cavanah
Secretary/Treasurer

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October 6, 2011

President Ison opened the October 6th meeting at the Holiday Inn, Hopkinsville.

Roll was called, and 34 members were present.

Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. The financial report was given and approved.

Excuses for previous absences were given by Edward H. Higgins, James G. Adams, Jr., Thomas Westerfield, Ken Dougherty, Robert Cope, Marvin Denison, Robert Harper, Jason Powell, James Adams, III, Wendell Lynch, and Duncan Cavanah.

President Ison reappointed Duncan Cavanah to the Nominating Committee.

Secretary Cavanah was shrouded in the sheath of dishonor for mispronouncing the last name of Peter Nicolos no fewer than eight times. My apologies to Peter and thanks to Dr. John Freer for the heads-up.

Papers were presented by Peter Nicolos, a member since 2001 and #25 in seniority and Howard Willen, a member since 2001 and #25 in seniority.

Peter Nicolos presented his paper "The Golden Gate and Its Bridge, a Condensed History." The Golden Gate is the North American strait connecting San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean. The Golden Gate Bridge is the suspension bridge spanning the Gate. It connects San Francisco to Marin County. The bridge was built by Joseph Strauss who started construction in 1933 and completed the job in 1937. The total cost was less than 35 million dollars.

As the sound of Tony Bennett and his lost heart in San Francisco fade away, Howard Willen speaks to us about our need for bridges, not walls. Electric guitar firmly in hand, he sings those familiar Simon and Garfunkel lyrics, "When you're weary, feeling small, when tears are in your eyes, I will dry them all. Like a bridge over troubled water, I will lay me down." All of this was offered to us in his paper "Walls and Bridges." Dr. Willen spoke of the value of bridges which can connect man to man and of the division caused by walls. He also spoke of tearing down walls of oppression and resistance. Once again we heard Reagan tell Gorbachev to "tear down that wall." Only by doing that can we truly become one people.

Comments were made by James Adams, Jr., Russ Guffey, Jason Powell, Tom Westerfield, Hal King, Robert Harper, and John Freer.

Presenters for the November 3rd meeting are James Adams, Jr., and Wynn Radford, III.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Cavanah
Secretary/Treasurer

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November 3, 2011

November

President Ison convened the ~~October~~ meeting at the Holiday Inn, Hopkinsville.

Roll was called, and 29 members were present. Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. The financial report was given and approved.

Excuses for previous absences were given by Whitney Westerfield, Jim Love, and George Byars. A letter of resignation from Brooks Major was read. Bob Cope moved that Brooks be offered honorary status, and the society agreed. President Ison notified members of the Membership committee to have a nomination ready for the ~~November~~ ^{December} meeting.

Papers were presented James Adams, Jr., a member since 1981 and #7 in seniority and Wynn Radford, a member since 1984 and #10 in seniority.

Jim Adams presented "The Bluegrass and Kentucky Bourbon." Worldwide when many people think about Kentucky, they think about Kentucky Bourbon. Judge Adams recounted the history going back to the late 1700s and continued the story through Prohibition, the Kentucky Bourbon Trail, and the economic impact on our state.

In his paper "When the Chitlin Circuit Came to Hoptown," Wynn Radford told of the famous black performers that performed at local clubs. Hopkinsville was fortunate to be a stop on the "Chitlin Circuit" and that good fortune brought talented performers such as Count Basie, B.B. King, James Brown and Tina Turner to our city during the 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s. Clubs like the Chesterfield Lounge, Skylark Club, 41 Club and the Cinderella Bar hosted some of the most talented people in the world.

Comments were made by James Coursey, Bob Cope, Frank Nash, Jim Love, Tom Westerfield, James Adams, III, Ken Dougherty, Rob Harper and Robert Sivley.

Presenters for the December 1st meeting are Paul D. Guffey and Robert Cope.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Cavanah
Secretary/Treasurer

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December 1, 2011

President Ison convened the December meeting at the Holiday Inn, Hopkinsville.

Roll was called, and 28 members were present. Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. The financial report was given and approved.

Excuses for previous absences were given by Chris Gilkey, Marlin Anderson, Wendell Lynch, Russ Guffey, and William Turner. A prospective member was nominated by the Membership Committee and will be voted on in January.

Papers were presented Danny Guffey, a member since 1987 and #15 in seniority and Bob Cope, a member since 2000 and #19 in seniority.

Danny Guffey presented his paper "Fifty-One Men, One Woman, Four Horses, One Dog, One Baby, and One One-eyed Half-breed." The paper detailed the 1804 to 1806 Lewis and Clark Expedition but rather than concentrating on the exploits of the leaders, Danny profiled the backgrounds, contributions, and sometimes the misdeed of the lesser known members of the party.

In "Waiting," Bob Cope describes the anxiety of waiting. We sometimes wait instead of live the moment and enjoy our place in time. He also spoke of the actions that individuals, government, and corporate America are taking to prevent unusually long waits. Bob advises us to invest our waiting time in thoughts, things, and actions which bring us joy.

Comments were made by Tom Westerfield, William Turner, Russ Guffey, Bob Isom, and Robert Sivley.

Wendell Howe & Duncan Cavanah

Presenters for the January meeting are ~~Edward Higgins, III and Marvin Denison.~~

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Cavanah
Secretary/Treasurer