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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: Phil Buchen P.W.B.

FROM: Bill Casselman W.C.

SUBJECT: Memberships

The following memberships are referred for your consideration:

1. Kent Optimist Club, Kent County, Michigan (Tab A). Your home town Optimist Club has voted you honorary membership. Recommend acceptance.

Approve [Handwritten initials] Disapprove _____

2. Grand Rapids Rotary Club (Tab B). You appear to have been a member of this organization for some time. Recommend acceptance.

Approve [Handwritten initials] Disapprove _____

3. The John Ball Zoological Society of Grand Rapids (Tab C). In 1970, the First Family donated a pony to the Society. According to the incoming letter, you are a past member. The Society is presenting you with a Life Membership card. Recommend acceptance.

Approve [Handwritten initials] Disapprove _____

4. Cathedral of the Pines Trust (Tab D). A National Memorial for all American War Dead, the altar of which is composed of stones contributed by prominent Americans, including Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon. The Trust requests a stone the size of a man's fist. It is suggested that the stone should come from your birthplace or some other place which has an historical or other significant association with your life. Recommend acceptance.

Approve [Handwritten initials] Disapprove _____

5. Professional Ski Instructors of America (Tab E). This is a Vail-based group which has sent you a plaque proclaiming you an honorary member. Recommend acceptance considering your avid and renowned interest in this sport and the fact that the organization is located at Vail.

Approve NR7 Disapprove _____

6. The New York Association for the Blind (Tab F). Requests a review and reconsideration of our earlier turndown. The Association states that every President since Taft in 1907 has served as a patron. Recommend acceptance in view of past Presidential participation.

Approve NR7 Disapprove _____

7. YMCA of Michigan (Tab G). Invites you to serve as honorary chairman of the 27th Annual Youth in Government program to be held April 10-12 in the State Capitol. As Vice President, you served as last year's chairman. Recommend disapproval as it sets precedent for being invited to endorse other such projects in other states.

Approve NR7 Disapprove _____

Enclosures

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do not
accept membership

TAB A



KENT OPTIMIST CLUB
OF
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

2109 Ontonagon dr. S.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan
November 25, 1974

ACTION
T/D _____
SCHEDULE BD. _____
DATE RECEIVED
DEC 2 1974
MESSAGE _____
SPEAKERS BUREAU _____
OTHER _____
APPOINTMENT OFFICE

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington D.C.

My dear Mr. President

Congratulations on your presidency.

It was a great honor to have the privilege of sponsoring your application to the Kent Optimist Club.

The Club has delegated myself to go to Washington and personally present your membership into the Kent Optimist Club. If it is possible to arrange an appointment within the months of December or January, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Best Regards

Cliff Lanning
Clifford J. Lanning

CJL/jbl

TAB B

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



ROTARIAN Gerald R. Ford

IS Honorary MEMBER OF THE
(ACTIVE—SENIOR ACTIVE—PAST SERVICE—HONORARY)

ROTARY CLUB OF Grand Rapids, Michigan

CLASSIFICATION AS President of United States

ACTIVE MEMBER

Yr. end

1/1/76

CERTIFIED

BY

John D. McLeod Jr.
CLUB SECRETARY

THIS CLUB IS
A MEMBER OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Harry L. Stewart
GENERAL SECRETARY, R. I.

SIGNATURE OF ROTARIAN TO WHOM THIS CARD HAS BEEN ISSUED:

In the United States, each Club, the local dues which are
in some cases as to Club includes \$2.00 for each individual
and must be paid in the name of R.I.I. per chapter
No. 4 subscription to THE ROTARIAN magazine.

Acceptance of this card implies your agreement to surrender this card to the club secretary if you cease to be a member.

Every Rotarian upon visiting a club, where he is not personally known, is requested to introduce himself by presenting this Rotary membership identification card.

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VOTE PROMPTLY

January 20, 1975

The following named persons have been approved for Rotary Membership by the Classification Committee and Membership Committee and by your Board of Directors:

YES NO

- { } { } KENNETH B. BOOTSMA, age 37. Calvin College, Executive Director of College Development. Recommended by WILLIAM SPOELHOF and WAYNE MULLER. Classification of: "Education - Church Affiliated College" {2nd active}.
- { } { } ALEX E. LEWIS, age 56. Michigan Bell Telephone Co., Area General Manager. Recommended by HARRY LAWFORD and JOHN HIBBARD, JR. Classification of: "Telephone Services", {2nd active}.
- { } { } ALVIN R. TUUK, age 55. Grand Rapids Automotive Supply Corp. {N.A.P.A. Distribution Center}, General Manager. Recommended by JOHN WARDROP and WILLIAM MARTINDILL. Classification of: "Wholesaling - Automotive Parts and Supplies" {2nd active}.

PLEASE MAIL THIS PROMPTLY TO:

ROTARY CLUB OFFICE
305-E WATERS BUILDING
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49502

SPOKES O' THE WHEEL

A Weekly News Bulletin Published in the Interest of the

GRAND RAPIDS ROTARY CLUB

Organized 1913, Club No. 77, District 629

ROTARY PROGRAM - JANUARY 23, 1975

RE
SPEAKER: GORDON J. VAN WYLEN, President of Hope College

TOPIC: "A RENEWED VISION FOR THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGE"

INTRODUCER: James Ver Meulen

The private or independent college has been much in the news of late. Beset by financial problems and questions of enrollment, many have asked about its future role. Yet, recent developments in contemporary society provide a unique opportunity for private colleges to define their mission and play a unique and crucial role in the future of our nation and the world. These issues will be examined in detail by Gordon Van Wylen, President of Hope College in Holland, Michigan.

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PROGRAM

JAN. 30:

SPEAKER: KEN THOMASMA

TOPIC: "THREE FOR SURVIVAL"

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: Call WAYNE MULLER, 534-6767 or
MAURICE FETTY, 459-6255.

EDUCATION RUSSIAN STYLE

Dick Kennedy introduced SANDRA and WENDELL HILL, presenting their observations and color slides of the Russian school system from the point of view of an American school superintendent. The Russians have made progress even in the last year in their appearance, dress, and accomodation of visitors. The largest hotel in the world is under construction.

The secondary schools, kindergarten through age 17, are efficient. Equipment and architecture appear twenty-five years behind this country. Their emphasis on the arts, ballet, and music, seem to exceed U.S. performance, but Wendell didn't show us any big bands.

The Russian nursery schools, operating from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. as well as providing full time boarding facilities for the homeless, have no counterpart in this country. The pictures presented happy, well dressed, well supervised children starting at age 2, a solid foundation for the collective society.

At age 17, children graduate to the technical schools or universities, all depending on their aptitude testing, and superintendent Hill noted very little difference from the direction of the U.S. pattern. He advised that the big difference was the objective of the system. The Russians are trained to take their part in a collective society. There, freedom in the American sense is an obscenity, contrasted to our individual achievement and individual decision making educational goals.

The Russians have great faith in their future and great pride in their recent achievements. There seems to be a place for five year plans which contrasts remarkably with the current U.S. situation.

S.D.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF — HE PR

The meeting was conducted by CHRIS SONNEVELDT, song leader JACK COLLINS and the Invocation by REV. MAURICE FETTY. TED HIBBARD was at the piano. Welcome back, Ted.

PDG JOHN A. COLLINS introduced Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Henry Ziff, Detroit; Charles Wolfe, Detroit; William Johnston, G.R. East; Andrew Reinold, Ferndale; William Stewart, G.R., East; Donald Baldwin, Ludington; Donald Crawford, Holland; Donald Currie, Lansing. 9 Junior Rotarians and 4 Guests.

Wednesday, January 15, 1975, PAUL S. BOND was re-appointed to the Board of Directors of the Better Business Bureau.


BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

CHESTER A. HALL, G.R. Foundation	'58-26
DR. G. DONALD ALBERS, 203 Paris, SE	'56-29
WAYNE PERKINS, R. C. Allen	'71-29
GLENN G. LORCH, Kari-Kold Company	'61-30
PAUL K. GASTON, Warner, Norcross & Judd	'73-30
DR. JAMES W. LOGIE, 515 Lakeside Dr., SE	'62-31
CLIFF CHRISTENSEN, 2622 College Ave., NE	'74-31

ATTENDANCE MAKE-UPS

HENRY LATHROP, Spring Lake, MI	1-10
CARL M. MONTGELAS, Grand Haven, MI	1-8
L. PAUL RALPH, MD, Sun City-Lakeview, AZ	1-14
BILL ROBERTS, Grand Rapids-South	1-15
G.F. STEWART, Scottsdale, AZ	1-13

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MEETING DAYS OF NEAR-BY ROTARY CLUBS ALL MEET AT NOON

MONDAY

Grand Haven — Holiday Inn @ U.S. 31 & 104
Sparta — Methodist Church Grandville — Gerribee Party Place
Lee — Burlingame Congregational Church

TUESDAY

Coopersville — American Legion Hall Rockford — Community Cabin
Greenville — Methodist Church Zeeland — Bosch's Restaurant
East Grand Rapids — Bylsma's Pancake House, 2303 28th St.
Wyoming Park — United Brethren Church
North Grand Rapids — Ed Meyer's Restaurant
Framont — Ramshorn Country Club

WEDNESDAY


Cedar Springs — Community Bldg. Lowell — Masonic Temple
South Grand Rapids — Comet Restaurant, 141 28th St., S.E.

THURSDAY

Comstock Park — Congregational Church Holland — Warm Friend Hotel

FRIDAY

Spring Lake — Spring Lake Country Club



FOUR WAY TEST

first . . . Is it the Truth?
second . . . Is it fair to all concerned?
third . . . Will it build good will and better friendship?
fourth . . . Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

TAB C

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JOHN BALL ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

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December 18, 1974

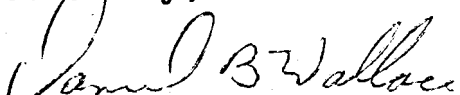
The President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

All your friends at the John Ball Zoo wish you and your family a very Happy Holiday. "Chinco", the pony that you donated to the zoo in 1970 is doing great and enjoyed by many children every year.

We have enclosed your new life membership card and the latest copy of the John Ball "Zoo News"...

Sincerely,


Daniel B. Wallace
Director/Public Relations

DBW/ww

Encl.

TAB D




CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES TRUST

RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03461

January 21, 1975

Altar of the Nation
National Memorial for
all American war dead



Memorial Bell Tower
National Memorial for
all American women war dead

RE
President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Ford:

Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon contributed stones which are incorporated into the Altar of the Nation, the national memorial for all American War Dead and the chief appoint in Cathedral of the Pines.

We will be glad to receive a stone about the size of your fist from you to be placed in this Altar as your tribute to all our war dead. The stone may come from your birthplace or from any significant historical place.

With great respect and warm regards,

Sincerely,

Lorraine Hill

Mrs. Reginald Hill
Executive Director

TAB E

RILEY, Mr. Jim
President
Professional Ski
Instructors of America
Vail, Colo.
81657

MEMBERSHIPS:(honorary)P
A certificate conferring on
the President honorary
membership in the Profess-
ional Ski Instructors of
America.

REC'D: 1/2/75
gift register

BY: H. Oldenburg ACK'D:
from Vail trip - 16-

DISPOSITION: Roland Elliott

DATE: 1/8/75

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TAB F

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DATE OF PRESENTATION



THE NEW YORK ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND • TEL. 353-2200
111 EAST 59TH STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10022

January 8, 1975

WINSLOW M. LOVEJOY, JR., PRESIDENT
WESLEY D. SPRAGUE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

C/S-2h

ENCL.

Mr. Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Elliott:

Your letter to Mr. Robert H. Bennett of January 6th expressing the President's inability to allow this agency to quote on its letterhead, "Under the Patronage of the President of the United States," was received today.

We can certainly appreciate the President's firm policy that he must limit participation in organizations to an absolute minimum. However, our request requires no personal participation in any regard. The abovementioned listing on our letterhead has been the only act or association that prior Presidents have been required to perform in relationship to their patronage.

May I therefore ask you to review this request to determine whether or not the precedent established by President Taft in 1907 can be continued by President Ford? Thank you for your reconsideration.

Sincerely,

Wesley D. Sprague



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TAB G



The State

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
of Michigan

11 W. LENAWEЕ STREET • LANSING 48914
TELEPHONE AREA 517 487-5978

LYLE E. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT
OLIN TRABUE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 31, 1975

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear President:

We again invite you to serve as the Honorary Chairman of our 27th Annual Youth in Government program scheduled for April 10-11-12, 1975, at the State Capitol in Lansing, Michigan.

We extended an invitation to you last year for this same program which you so graciously accepted. Your letter of acceptance as Honorary Chairman last year had a great impact on the Youth of Michigan who participated in the program.

If you accept this year's invitation, we would again need permission to use your photo as we did last year (see program brochure enclosed). Also, as last year, a letter from you endorsing the program (to be used for reprint in the brochure) would be very significant to the youth of Michigan participating in this Model Youth Legislature.

Sincerely,

Olin Trabue
Executive Director

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Enclosures

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 10, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN
BILL CASSELMAN

FROM:

JERRY H. JONES 

SUBJECT:

Memberships

Your memorandum to the President of February 3 on the above subject has been reviewed and the following decisions were indicated:

1. Kent Optimist Club -- acceptance approved.
2. Grand Rapids Rotary Club -- acceptance approved.
3. The John Ball Zoological Society of Grand Rapids -- acceptance approved.
4. Cathedral of the Pines Trust -- acceptance approved.
5. Professional Ski Instructors of America -- acceptance approved.
6. The New York Association for the Blind -- acceptance approved.
7. YMCA of Michigan -- do not accept membership.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld