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MORE EMPLOYEE GROUPS JOIN AERA

The Agriculture Employees' Recreation Association has been expanding steadily since the first Luncheon Meeting of its Organizing Committee on February 12. One aim of the new organization is to have a firm foundation of representation on its Council from as many organized agency employee associations as possible. Temporary officers of the AERA, Joan Markland, (REAAA), President; Tyler Hartsing (BRC Employees' Association), Vice President; Don Beckler (BPI Employees Association) Treasurer; Carl Bark (Farm Credit Club) Secretary; and Joe Bertolini (ARA) Membership Chairman; are pleased at the number of agencies whose employees are starting campaigns to have associations of their own which can be represented on the AERA Council.

Soil Conservation Service employees are in the lead among new associations so far with C. G. Younkin as Chairman of the Organizing Committee for their Recreation Association.

The Sunshine Club of FCIC, already well established, is expected to join the AERA at its next meeting.

Representatives of various branches of P&MA are meeting on Tuesday, March 23, to lay plans for forming an association of P&MA employees.

The AERA Discount Purchasing Committee, composed at present of Lou Knowles, REAAA; Fulton Want, FCC; Tyler Hartsing, BRCEA; Don Beckler, BPIEA; James Henry Lyman, ARA; and Charles H. Cunningham, Welfare Association Activities; has established discount buying privileges with a large number of Washington and suburban firms. A second (revised) edition of the AERA discount list will be available before April 1. Plans for a more permanent edition as a pocket "Buyers' Guide" are also being developed rapidly.

The Publication Committee of the AERA will have its first organization meeting on Wednesday, March 24, to discuss possibilities of having a weekly or monthly employee publication much more comprehensive in scope than the present Employees' News Bulletin.

A larger Luncheon Meeting for representatives of all interested agencies to discuss further the aims and purposes of the AERA is to be held at the Luncheon Conference Room 6962 at 12 noon on Monday, March 29. Joe Bertolini, Membership Chairman, is also Program Chairman for this event.

AERA membership cards are now available to individuals whose agencies do not have organized Recreation Associations at the Employee Activities Office, Room 1011, South Building.

Sixty-six individuals have joined here since the new membership cards arrived. (Between March 8 and March 19).

FEDERAL GOLF ASSOCIATION's officers, elected at the annual meeting on February 26, included Dennis Hevener, PMA, as Secretary, and Darrell L. Johnson, REA, as Tournament Chairman. K.M. Skaggs of War Department was elected President for this year.

Plans for the FGA for 1948 include at least three events of immediate interest to any of our golfers with a spark of that old competitive spirit in them:

1. Agency Team Match Play—begins about May 1
2. Medal Play Tournament—June—Fairfax Country Club
3. Womens' Medal Play Tournament—June—East Potomac

Individuals who wish to play in any of these events, contact Dennis Hevener, X2916. Closing date for entries is April 10. Play will be (Cont'd in next column)

divided into three classes:
Class "A" teams for players with handicaps to 9,
Class "B" teams for those with handicaps from 10 to 17, and
Class "C" teams for those with handicaps of 18 to 80.

YOUR CONTACT OFFICER is the person who usually knows, or can quickly find out for you, the latest news on events of interest or changes affecting the general welfare of employees. Our Employees' News Bulletin, for instance, goes first to your Contact Officer and from there is distributed through your agency. Assignments change often these days and many of us haven't learned who our newest contact officer is. Here is a list (as of March 15).

AGENCY	CONTACT OFFICER	EXT.
SEC.	Miss Gladys Allard	5534
RAE	Miss Jessie Thompson	6235
LIB	Miss Dorothy Peffer	3048
B&F	Miss Rose Prager	2727
OFAR	Mrs. Pauline Rovelstad	6165
INT.	Mr. Richard A. Hollis	3117
PERS.	Mrs. Melva R. Mills	5965
P&O	Mr. John B. Steninger	5648
SOL.	Mr. Thomas M.J. Crowley	4100
ARA (Adm)	Mrs. Dorothy K. Moss	4274
A&IC	Mrs. Edith C. Lundstrom	4433
BAI	Miss May A. Hull	4114
BDI	Mrs. Margaret Carothers	4281
E&PQ	Mrs. Mary K. Hunt	3217
HN&HE	Mrs. Ida McAuliffe (Acting)	2423
BPISAE	Miss Elizabeth Bracey	dial 85
ARC	Mrs. Mildred J. Schutrumpf	dial 82
Exp.Sta.	Miss Edith M. Wagonseller	5898
CEA	Mr. Walter L. Miller	4485
Ext.Ser.	Miss Gertrude U. Lynch	2807
FCA	Miss Katherine Delany	5375
FCIC	Mrs. Lorraine D. Nielsen	2766
FHA	Miss Estevah E. Webb	5430
FS	Mrs. Elizabeth Puryear	3757
FMA	Mrs. Betty P. Ashton	6265
REA	Mrs. E. Corinne Sutton	3361
SCS	Mrs. Florence B. Hamilton	5143
Grad.Sch.	Miss Vera Jensen	4419

USDA RED CROSS HOSTESS GROUPS are having a busy season this month entertaining hospitalized veterans and service men at several hospitals in the metropolitan area. Their schedule includes a hospital party and dance at Fort Belvoir on March 9; a games party at Walter Reed Hospital on March 18; Square Dance at Quantico on March 23; and a ward party at Bethesda Naval Hospital on March 24. Any girls interested in assisting with Red Cross Hostess work are asked to call the Chairman, Norma Lewis, REA, X6148, or Mrs. Havey, X6229.

FREE MOVIES IN JEFFERSON AUDITORIUM
Wednesday, March 31, 6 to 7 p.m. Double Feature (No dishes though!!!)
1. The Home Place - A USDA film on Rural homes throughout the country
2. The City - A Museum of Modern Art Film.
Tuesday, April 13, 6 p.m. Four films on Weather (Bring Umbrella) prepared by Navy Department. Two sound films: "Thunderstorms" and "The Occluded Front". Two color sound films: "Air Masses and Fronts" and "Flying the Weather Map". All USDA employees, Graduate School students, and their friends are invited.

\$\$\$\$\$ GLAD WE WERE THE GIVERS
Employees of the Department of Agriculture contributed a total of \$1,794.34 to the January 1948 Infantile Paralysis Fund.
The Metropolitan Police Boys Club Appeal in February raised \$2,471.35 from us.
The National Red Cross Fund Drive now in progress has produced, to March 19, a total of \$24,821.78 or 73.9% of the goal.

SIGNS OF SPRING

We have already had requests to organize a class in golf instruction. At the moment, we don't know of anyone who is qualified and who wants to take on a week end job of class instruction. However, with the large number of experienced golfers in the Department of Agriculture, a competent teacher should not be too difficult to find. If you would like to join a golf class, send your name, agency, room number and extension to the Welfare Association Employee Activities Office, Room 1011, South Building.

Tennis instruction can also be arranged if a sufficient number of people are interested. Send in your name and other necessary details to Mr. Cunningham, c/o Welfare Association, Room 1011.

HOBBY GROUPS GETTING STARTED IN APRIL

At the moment, Ceramics has the largest potential enrollment of the hobby activities proposed for organization in recent Employees' News Bulletins. Discussions regarding possible class organization have been held with the director of the ceramics program at Friendship House, 619 D Street, S.E. A hobby class with individual instruction for both beginners and advanced students is available from 7 to 10 p.m. on Monday and Friday evenings starting on Monday, April 5.

Enrollment for six weeks, including Friendship House membership card, is \$4.00. Unless you have already done so, please call extension 5611 or 6229 if you are interested in joining this group. Friendship House has its own kiln, but space for the activity is somewhat limited. The 22 persons who have already indicated an interest in ceramics will be given first opportunity to join this class if they want it.

Leathercraft. We now have about a dozen people who are eager to get started with a leathercraft class. Arrangements for instruction have been about completed and the class should get under way after April 1.

PENTAGON CHORAL CLUB SINGS IN AUDITORIUM

An enthusiastic audience of Agriculture employees and their friends almost filled the Jefferson Auditorium on Wednesday night, March 10, to hear a program of Magic Melodies presented by the Pentagon Choral Club. Under the direction of Whitford Hall, the Pentagon Choral Club sang here at the invitation of the newly organized Agriculture Choristers.

Bob Powers, President of the Choristers, reports that as a result of the Pentagon singers' program, several more Agriculture employees have joined the Agriculture Choristers.

At the Choristers' rehearsal period on Thursday, March 11, Mr. C. Sumner Spalding, newly appointed director of the Agriculture Choristers, pointed out that the success of the Pentagon Choral Club whose March 10 performance he rated very highly was due in no small degree to the faithful attendance of the club's members at weekly rehearsals throughout the past two years. When the Choristers have spent a sufficient amount of time singing together, Mr. Spalding predicted that they too will be able to present a program which will furnish any audience with a great deal of listening pleasure.

The Agriculture Choristers now have approximately 30 members. Dues are \$1.00 every two weeks. Rehearsals are held in the Jefferson Auditorium at 5:45 on Thursday evenings.

TENPIN BOWLING

A new league is being formed on an interdepartmental basis. Anyone interested in being on a team to represent the Department of Agriculture in this league should contact Mr. Ariston LaCuata, BAE, X5275, Room 3036.

RIDES WANTED

Mabel Paulsen, X5168, 109 Irvington St., S.W. (Bellevue Gardens)
Mrs. Moorhead, X2133, 2000 Eads Street, South, Arlington, Virginia
Grover Boydston, X2768, Conn. Ave. & Kalorama Road, N.W.
Jean Considine, X5109, 13th & Rittenhouse St., N.W.

TIMBER SALVAGE REEL

Six couples from our Wednesday night Square Dancing Class demonstrated the "Timber Salvage Reel" at a Folk Festival at the Jewish Community Center on Wednesday night, March 10. This dance, a natural favorite of the instructor, Bernard Frank, FS, originated in Keene, New Hampshire, and was first shown in Washington by Ralph Page, a New England student of folk lore. Our boys and girls did it right well at the festival.

MORE ABOUT THE HOBBY SHOW

Hobby riders responded quickly to our dissertation about "Care and Feeding of Hobby Horses" in the February 24 issue of the Employees' News Bulletin. To mention only a few, here are some of the things which may be placed on exhibit if suitable space and ample protection can be provided: a collection of dolls from foreign countries; an exhibit of articles decorated by chip carving; examples of hand weaving; collections of match holders; examples of useful and decorative objects made from sea shells; examples of hand craft in leatherwork; hand carved children's toys; and numerous art objects. One person, whose hobby is dog training, has offered to put on an exhibition of obedience tests if we plan to include a hobby lobby program as an evening show in the Jefferson Auditorium.

Various people who have hobbies of raising birds and animals have offered to make exhibits if suitable quarters can be provided at the show. It may be possible to do this (unless someone has a hobby of raising polar bears for fun and profit). However, the question of live exhibits will have to be decided upon by a Hobby Show Committee. Anyone who has had experience in putting on hobby shows, here or elsewhere in previous years, will be welcomed as a member of the Hobby Show Committee. Now is the hour to send in your hobby show suggestions to the Employee Activities Office, c/o Welfare Association, Room 1011, South Building.

SOCIAL DANCE CLASS SERIES ENDS WITH PARTY

Twenty-five members of the Social Dancing Class, under the direction of Miss Toni DeFelice, held an informal party on the stage of the Jefferson Auditorium on Monday night, March 15, to celebrate the completion of their ten weeks class series. The enthusiasm of the members for the class was shown by the way in which they responded to the announcement that two more series of dancing lessons will be started on Monday night, April 5.

The first of these will be a repetition of the ten weeks series just completed in the fundamentals of social dancing and will be held in the Jefferson Auditorium from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for ten weeks. The other class in South American dances will be held on the same evening from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. Fifteen members of the class just completed, have already signed up for the South American dance series and several other registrations have also been made.

Membership in each class is limited to 16 women and 16 men in order to permit as much individual instruction as possible and to avoid over-crowding of the space available. Fee for the ten weeks series is \$5.00, payable in advance. It is advisable for anyone interested in joining either of these classes to register with Miss DeFelice, instructor, room 341-W, at once. Registrations will also be accepted at the Employee Activities Office, Room 1011, South Building.

ROTATOR WANTED

C.K. Mingle, X5931, Riverdale, Maryland

DO YOU GET ENOUGH CHANCES TO SWIM?

Members of the newly organized Agriculture Employees' Recreation Association who like swimming may wish to stop in at Room 1011, South Building, for one of the 25 swim tickets we now have available. They offer the holder twelve swims for \$3.50, anytime within one year, at the Ambassador Pool.

JOIN THE AERA