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December 2004

Chapter events for next month or SO

Book Club

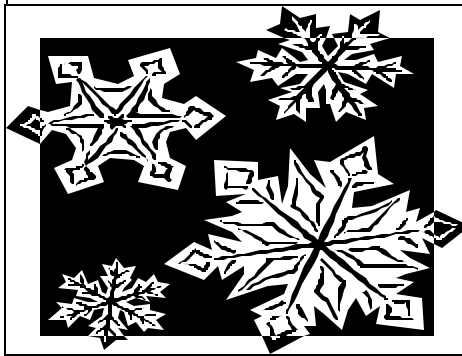
The next meeting of the chapter's book club will take place this Saturday, December 11th at 9:30 a.m. at the Barnes and Noble bookstore at the Edina Galleria. The featured book is "Nine Innings" by Daniel Okrent. Book moderator Tom Swift has had contact with Mr. Okrent, who has agreed to field e-mail questions about his book, some of which have already been posted by Tom. Other queries for Mr. Okrent should be sent to tomswift@nickelcurves.com or posted to the chapter e-list.

Breakfast

The next chapter breakfast meeting will be held on Saturday, January 8th, 2005 at 9 a.m. at the usual location of the Baker's Square at 66th and Xerxes in Richfield. Rumor has it that Stew will actually order something different for once.

Hot Stove Meeting

The annual hot stove Saturday night meeting will be held on Saturday evening, January 22nd at 7 p.m. at the home of Kevin Hennessy at 608 Grand Avenue in St. Paul. Contact Kevin at 651-227-5183 or kwhennes@ties2.net for directions. Kevin has graciously offered his home for these gatherings for several years and a hat will be passed around for donations to help him (and the chapter) with the food and beverage costs.



My thoughts....if it is going to snow and be cold....December through March is as good a time as any.....

Twins Fest

I am making arrangements for the Halsey Hall Chapter to have a table at Twins Fest on the weekend of January 28-30, 2005. It is a great venue for the chapter to make contact with potential new members and to promote the pleasures of a SABR membership to those who may not have heard of SABR before. If you would like to help staff the table at Twins Fest let me know at 651-739-6986 or rwaces@cs.com. Shifts are pretty flexible with at least two people at the table at one time while other members, if present, can wile away the time by wandering among the other vendors boking for treasures. Times are Friday (5:30 to 7:30 and 7:30 to 9:30), Saturday (9 to noon, noon to 3, and 3 to 6) and Sunday (9 to 12:30 and 12:30 to 4). There should be a limited amount of free pa

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passes available to those on a first come basis to those who sign up to staff the table.

Spring Chapter Meeting

The Spring meeting of the Halsey Hall Chapter will be held on Saturday, May 21st, 2005 in conjunction with the Ken Keltner Chapter of SABR (Milwaukee and Wisconsin) and the Cream City Vintage Base Ball Club of Milwaukee. The Quickstep Vintage Base Ball Club and the Cream Citys have been invited by the Twins to give a short 15 minute demonstration of 1860s base ball before the Twins-Brewers game that night at the Metrodome. The meeting will most likely be held at the usual location of the Community United Methodist Church in Columbia Heights and several members of the Ken Keltner Chapter and Cream Citys are expected to attend. A short game, after the chapter meeting but before the Metrodome affair, is scheduled for mid afternoon, place to be determined.

New Board Member

Due to the resignation of Rex Hamann, the Board of Directors has appointed Kyle Eliason to finish the last six months of his term.

Northern League Website

Check out David Trombley's website at <http://www.usfamily.net/web/trombleyd/northern%20menu.htm>. He has a site with histories, biographies, statistics, standings etc. of the Northern League, 1933-1971.

What is the future of this newsletter?

As was announced in last month's newsletter, I have decided not to seek reappointment for another year as editor of the Holy Cow. Thus this is the last issue I will be editing. The Board of Directors at its December 4th meeting appointed Stew Thornley as editor of the Holy Cow for 2005.

With many people using the internet for online access to information, including this newsletter, having a paper copy becomes increasingly unnecessary. However, we do not want to leave members without internet access out of the information loop, so for the next six months (through June 2005) we will continue sending out paper copies to those members who have paid for it. The future of this newsletter starting with July 2005 is a little less clear. It has been proposed at that time to post only the electronic copy on our chapter website and continue to notify members monthly as

it posted. Members without internet access (currently 22 receiving a paper copy only) could have a chapter friend print out a paper copy for them. Twice a year, members without internet access would get information bulletins listing particulars for chapter meetings and other events through the mail. The national office will reimburse the chapter for these mailings and thus there would be no charge to members.

Part of the reasoning behind this is that an electronic newsletter is not retrained by the two page format. A paper copy is kept at two pages to keep mailing costs affordable. More information can be posted with an electronic newsletter and it requires less work of the editor and his or her office staff. No running to the post office or to Kinko's, or folding, stamping and addressing of the newsletter. Also postage costs are going up.

Your thoughts are welcome

The Board of Directors recognizes that this is a major change and thus the ultimate decision regarding the paper copy of this newsletter will be made at the chapter Spring meeting on May 21. If you have any thoughts about the newsletter let one of the Board of Directors know or show up at the Spring meeting and express your views.

Stew has agreed to the editorship of the Holy Cow (electronic copy) and sending of the paper copy through June 2005. If members want a separate paper copy (beyond having someone print out a copy from the electronic copy) someone will have to step forward to do the work. National dues have gone up and ways to reduce local chapter expenses and costs to members, while still offering the same information is a worthwhile goal in my opinion.... Rich Arpi
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Dumbest Quote of the Year?

“You know, a lot of people say they didn't want to die until the Red Sox won the World Series... Well, there could be a lot of busy ambulances tomorrow.”

Red Sox outfielder Johnny Damon, when the Red Sox found themselves one win away from winning the World Series.
