APRIL MEETING  Monday, Apr. 8, Eames Theater, Pacific Science Center.
Dr. Dan Stuntz, Professor of Mycology, University of Washington, our Patron and Godfather, will give his annual lecture "Mushrooms that Grow in the Spring", tra la, with slides that display all their charms. A really miraculous thing, tra la, when Nature gets into the swing, tra la, if you can ignore the alarm. IF you can o' ercome the alarm! Identification after.

HAPPY POLITICAL NEW YEAR, all dues-paid members! If any of you remember, or care, that this year we ran half the ballots with board nominees listed A-Z and the other half Z-A, you will be nonplussed to hear that except for one individual, whose vote varied by 5 between the two, all other voting varied only to the extent of 1 or 2. So the Great American Experiment has triumphed again. Democracy is not merely Alphabetical, as insinuated by Thurston L. Zigafoos when he declined to enter politics.

Following are new Officers, Board Members and Committee Heads. You are urged to save this list so you'll know who to volunteer to. This, then is our 1968 Establishment:
Pres. Ralph Nolan WE 2-3855.
V.P. Clarence Bates LA 2-3949, Fall Exhibit Ch'man.
Sec'y. Morrill Gatcomb PR 8-4793, Education Chmn.
Sec'y. Lillian (Mrs. Jack) Titland WE 7-2902.

BOARD:
Dr. Elmo Beeson  Frank Carr
Ruth (Mrs. Robert) Bell, 1969 Banquet Chmn PR 8-0210 (See form for you to pitch in and fill out.)
Ron Brougham EA 5-5735
Walt Curtis VA 2-8513
Dr. Charles Hughes, TA 4-2967, Asst. Exhibit Chmn.
Tom Imori, PA 5-9886, Invaluable Membership Chmn.
P m. Nestell, Field Trips, Olympia 943-1838
Paul Rule, House Chairman--see message. EM 2-8390.
Charles Woodruff GL 4-4747
George Rafanelli (Past Pres.) Honorary Member
Connie Young, Bulletin pro-tem,

which I've been wanting to speak to you about. There are some other publications I'd like to work on, in particular a booklet for new members, to give them some idea of what they can expect, and how this Society works. President Nolan has asked Joe Deyling (SU 2-3732) to assume the Bulletin, and as far as I am concerned, Joe has passed the exam for the position: when wondered what an oxymoron was, he explained it was an eight-sided idiot. A fellow adherent to the Mark Twain school of American humor.

COMMITTEES:
Publicity - Ron Requa, Jr.
LI 6-4303
Identification Charles Volz
EM 3-5465
Photography - Harold Helterline
PA 5-7779
Librarian - Ben Woo
EA 4-7617
BOARD ACTION:
George Raffanelli was voted an Honorary
Life Membership, as a reward for the
300 phone calls he got from ignorant
strangers during the past year.
(RQ 7-4408.) Interviewed earlier,
Mr. R said, "Accordingly, I shall not
seek - and will not accept - the nomi-
nation of my party* for another term
as your President."

*the Annual Dinner Party
Our Resident Actuary points out that
in 350 years we will be a Society
totally composed of Honorary Life
Members, but do not fret, friends,
it's better than being decomposed -
a condition closer to mycophagists
than to most.

THE BOARD VOTED the Field Trip
Chairman mileage and incidental
expense allowance in recognition of
the good work he does for us. Since
we are a nonprofit organization, we
have asked him to report for reconsid-
eration when he reaches 25,000 miles.
If the coffee and cookies escalates to
champagne and filet mignon, respon-
sible members are asked to get in
touch with (1) the Treasurer and
(2) Mrs. Nestell.

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PAUL RULE, our reliable House Chair-
man, complains of himself that he
cannot delegate authority; rather
than grandly point here and there
for minions to do the work, he does
it himself. NAYTHELESS, he will
use your help on meeting nights;
setting up ID tables and lights;
setting up projector; rearrange
seats sometimes, and undo the
whole thing at the end. Come a
half-hour early, please. You get
the best seats and the first look
at the fresh specimens, too.

FIELD TRIPS - save this, too!
April 6/7 - Rockport State Park,
30 mi. E. of Sedro Woolley. Pot-
luck Sat. nite. This is the
first of the year, and an explora-
tory trip. Says Scout Nestell:
"If we don't find mushrooms,
we'll play pinochle."

April 20/21 - Dalles Forest Camp,
25 mi. E. of Enumclaw. Potluck
Sat. nite. DRY WOOD, PLEASE BRING.
May 4/5 Crystal Springs Forest
Camp, 10 mi. E. of Snoqualmie
on Stampede Pass Road. Potluck
Sat. nite; BRING DRY WOOD, PLS.

Paul says: "We need help on
these trips. It's all fun-
someone to hold down the camp
while I teach others to hunt.
Someone to host the coffee and
cookies and direct people, and
tend the fire."

Members who have enjoyed the
welcome they get, know what a
pleasant contribution it is.
The only way you get something
out of an organization is to put
something into it. Let's go!

THE
MORE
PEOPLE
MUSHROOMS===YOU
MEET,
THE
MORE

If you dwell in single, or even
double, but carless splendor,
and don't know anybody and would
like to go on a field trip, why
don't you volunteer to be Trans-
portation Chairman? That way you
get first choice of rides. Call
Ralph Nolan. Yr welcome, Ralph.

YOU'RE ALWAYS GETTING ME ASIDE AND SAYING IF
ONLY WE HAD A COOKBOOK. Call, write or wire
Pauline Shiosaki, 7005 S. 132d St., Seattle 98178.
If you take them from a published book, please
say so, or we'll be sued. Blonk. Like That.
Identify your sources, please.
DINNER CHIMES

Well, we had a tremendous time, all told. The reservation returns were
dismaying spectacular, and it was necessary to put what was originally
to have been a second bar, and lounging and strolling (laughing and
scratching) room into tables. And at that, with great sadness, we had
to turn people down.

Ben Woo unveiled the officers and
board members with great style,
and Awards were made, for the first
time in the history of our Great
Society. We don't do anything much
by rote, and hopefully never will.
These awards took the unexpected
form of sweatshirts, for hevinsake.
(And if a form is going to be un-
expected, it will be that in a
sweatshirt, but to go on...) They
were decorated as follows, complete
with giant circle insignia:

To Geo. the Raf: "Top Toadstool"
To Dr. Stuntz: "Dangerous Dan,
The Myconester"
To Paul Nestell: "Field Tripmaster,
Eagle Rank"
To Me, the sign of the drunken
typesetter: "Etainin Shrdlu" (for
people who don't get this, it's
made by running the finger down
the first two vertical lines of
type on a Linotype machine to
clear a mistake; you see it the
papers sometimes.)

Everyone was highly complimentary of
Ladell (Mrs. Dean) Black's get-
acquainted system (you wore some-
boby's else name until you met them
and exchanged. I will forever be
Gerald Taylor to many.) Her table
cards enabled you to pick out a seat
and leave it reserved. The table
centerpieces were charming little
masterpieces - those entrancing
and authentic white mushrooms
were modeled of egg white and
sugar (both authentic) by Ladell,
her children and her mother, one-
by-painstaking one. They were
safely edible - everything a mush-
roomer could desire. Ruby Chow's
food and service were excellent.

PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER has room for
a MYCOLOGY exhibit; we invite you all
to submit suggestions for it - pre-
ferably rough sketches with arrows
pointing all around and explanations.
At present, roughly, we might have an
area 6' x 8', two sides for front
viewing, that can be changed. Those
of you who have spent any time in
our delightful Center will have some
idea of the kind of exhibit that will
hold its own with the stimulating
materials around it. We want all the
suggestions we can get no matter how
wild - sensible aspects can always
be thunk up, but really creative
ideas are rare. Should it be an
exhibit that can be changed, or
should it be static? Should it
express the relationship of fungi
and their function to the rest of
the world? Or be restricted to
pointers on identification? Or
have a live member in it, hunting,
hunting, hunting?

Write out your ideas, or sketch,
and let us have them. Or call me
up and tell me in 100 words or
less and I'll pass them on to Paul
Nestell who is Chairman of the Ctte
== CY.

THE SIGNPOST - A Newsletter for Hikers
and Backpackers! I've urged this
publication on you before - it is
crammed with the most valuable infor-
mation on every aspect of hiking.
Editor Louise Marshall (One Hundred
Hikes in Washington) says she will
send sample copies to each of us, so
expect same in future. $3.00 a year,
pub. twice a month April-August, once
a month otherwise.

We thank you, Mrs. Black, mam.
You done noble.
WHILE IT IS ALL FRESH IN YOUR MIND, will you help Ruth Bell, the 1969 Annual Dinner Chairman, get an idea what you feel, if you're feeling anything by now.

REMEMBER, everyone who was furious will write in right away, so if you have some constructive ideas, and you ain't mad, please do us this favor.

1. How many of your family come? ____________ 2. Do you have Lenten restrictions; if so, what? ______________

3. What kind of food do you suggest? ______________

4. Would you prefer some Supplementary Social Activities after dinner? (Drinking and dancing, rassling, pom-pom-pullaway?) What? ______________________________

5. Do you have a hall you think would be suitable, or superior? Why? ______________________________

6. What suggestions do you have for "Get Acquainted", such as the reverse labels? + ______________________________

7. Do you WANT to get acquainted? ______________________________

8. Now, what do you LIKE about these dinners? and would like to have more of? ______________________________

9. What do you DISLIKE? ______________________________

10. What kind of kind of speaker would you like? Serious? Name some on the back of this. Entertaining? Entertaining on a serious subject? ______________________________

How would you feel about, for instance, Julia Child? ______________ Dr. Rene DuBois? ______________ ZAza Gabor? ______________

Vincent Price? ______________ Groucho Marx? ______________ LBJ? (he'll be free)