

# **The History of the Trenton Symposium**

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## Preface

Americans, the historian Arthur Schlesinger wrote in the very title of one of his books, were *A Nation of Joiners*. As immigrants gathered here from myriad lands, they responded to an instinct to recreate the settled societies they had left behind by forming fraternal organizations with civic, charitable or intellectual purposes; from these gatherings, historians have seen, grew the tradition of civil involvement in American society, as well as a deeply democratic tradition that lives on as an ideal, of not always as a practice. For it has always been an underlying principal of American fraternal organizations that men from many different ranks, positions and nationalities could gather as brothers and fellow- citizens, their outward distinctions subsumed under the cloak of fellowship.

The urge to join was so pervasive that, by 1897, 5.5 million men out of a total adult male population of 19 million belonged to one or more clubs, civic societies or fraternal groups, according to a study by the University of Virginia.

Trenton, N.J. was a hardy example of this national trend. A prosperous financial and manufacturing center, the seat of government, its heavily Catholic population of German stock took to the clubs and other social groups with such enthusiasm that, by 1929, on the city's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Trenton Historical Society counted 77 fraternal, business, college and military and sporting clubs, plus no fewer than 19 Masonic associations. For it was the Masons, after all, whose ancient fellowship was the pattern followed by the more recent flowering of fraternal organizations, often with their own passwords, secret handshakes and rites.

Besides the Masons, Trenton was home to chapters from every national and international orders – the Elks, the Oddfellows, the Pythians and the Redmen, to name but a few. Then there were patriotic groups that survive to this day – the Old Barracks Association, The Trenton Historical Society, and the Sons of the Revolution.

And, standing somewhat apart, were the home-grown social groups, each of them formed around a founding principle or interest – the Lotus Club and its rival, the Lochiel, the Trenton Wheelmen and The Trenton Club, which it became, the In and Out Social Club, a bipartisan political club centered in Chambersburg, the German Turn Verein, the Progress, the Caledonian, the Lecture Committee, the Engineeer's Club.

And there was The Symposium, "perhaps Trenton's most intellectual club," according to a city guide of 1925. Composed of artists, industrialists, educators bankers and the odd medical man, Symposium's founding represented the purest form of fraternal group – not political, not overtly commercial and not social. Well, not entirely, for, as a city guide notes, "although there has been a delightful social side to its activities, this has been secondary to Symposium's more serious interests."

The volume that follows, carefully assembled by Joel May, tells the story of the Symposium. It speaks of its initial gathering, in the studio of Frederick H. Clark, a painter of brooding, color-saturated landscapes, and of its early members, whose names are interwoven with New Jersey and national history – Roebling, Schyler, Kuser, Katzenbach and others. We see here the Symposium's initial effort to limit its size, and then its response to the need to grow. The "delightful social activities" make their appearance here, in the form of an annual ball at which, again in an apparent concession to the desire to build the rolls, members were at last allowed to invite a guest.

And this history describes the club's striving to maintain its membership and attendance at gatherings as the centrifugal forces of modern society began to be felt. The decline of Trenton, the careers of spouses, the demands of work and children and perhaps even icy stare of the television all began to cut into attendance, until Symposium, the most intellectual club, was forced to suspend its activities and await a new flowering of the urge to join.

In 1897, nearly a third of all American men belonged to groups very much like ours. Today, we have Facebook and Twitter. It is not quite the same thing.

— Iver Peterson  
Trenton, New Jersey  
September, 2010

## At the Creation – December 14, 1904

On December 4, 1944, at the 308<sup>th</sup> meeting of The Symposium, the fortieth anniversary of the organization was celebrated. Howard L. Hughes, a member since 1917, recalled the city of Trenton in 1904:<sup>1</sup>

“That was a very long while ago, although only 40 years as the calendar goes. Even then a Roosevelt ruled over us – Theodore, the rough rider, who inspired the youth of that day with his doctrine ‘Don’t flinch, don’t foul, hit the line hard.’ True, he was cordially hated by Wall Street, which did not know when it was well off. Theodore called them ‘malefactors of great wealth.’ Franklin used the term ‘economic royalists.’

“The world then was relatively peaceful, except for the far-off Russo-Japanese War. The Japs had just finished off most of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, and American sentiment as I recall it was with the Japs. The rest of the world was in a pleasant status quo which was taken for granted except by the German general staff. While the twentieth century had begun, the golden afterglow of the nineteenth still lingered. Only a year before, in 1903, Wilbur Wright had made his first flight of 120 feet.

“On the domestic scene, ladies’ skirts reached downward to the ground and their shirtwaists reached upward to the ears. In New York a lady was arrested for smoking a cigarette on Fifth Avenue. The automobile was still a startling freak, without windshield, top or starter. Buggies with rubber-tired wheels were advertised at \$50.00. There was not a square foot of concrete road in the state. A six-day bicycle race was on in Madison Square Garden.

“Trenton’s own Rose Stahl was appearing in her most famous play, ‘The Chorus Lady.’ Caruso had completed his first season in America. In the book world the best sellers of the year were: Winston Churchill’s ‘Crossing,’ John Fox’s ‘Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come’; and Kate Douglas Wiggin’s ‘Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm.’

“Franklin Murphy was Governor of New Jersey in 1904, to be succeeded the next year by Edward Casper Stokes, who was elected to Symposium membership in 1906.

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<sup>1</sup> A paper presented at the Fortieth Anniversary meeting of The Symposium on December 4, 1944 by Howard L. Hughes, Librarian of the Trenton Free Public Library

“Trenton was a large village of 73,000; the surrounding townships, now so urban in development, were then mostly farm lands. There were even farms within the city limits.

“The city hall still stood at the corner of State and Broad. The new high school at Hamilton and Chestnut Avenues was three years old and already crowded. The new public library on Academy Street was two years old. The young and alert Adam Strohm, one of our founding members, was the librarian.

“There were about 2,000 telephones in the city and they all hung on the wall. One could ring up central and tell her whom he wanted without bothering to look up the number.

“There had been a heavy snowstorm the first week in December 1904 and those who owned fast trotters were enjoying sleigh races on Greenwood Avenue.”

This was the world in which, on a cold December 14<sup>th</sup> evening, fourteen gentlemen rode their sleighs and carriages to an 8:00 o'clock meeting at 143 East State Street, the studio of the well-known artist Frederick H. Clark. There they met to form The Symposium.

The minutes of that meeting make it plain that they had discussed the matter in advance and that this meeting was solely for the purpose of creating a formal organization. The Reverend Hamilton Schuyler, Rector of Trinity Church, then located on Academy Street, was the organizing force behind the effort, and his presence and influence on the course of the history of the organization will be evident again and again in these pages.

In fact, in the Foreword to “The Decennial Book<sup>2</sup>,” published on the tenth anniversary of the founding of The Symposium he briefly recounts, in the third party, how the idea for the organization came into being:

“The idea of The Symposium found its inception in the mind of the Chairman of this Committee, who has been charged accordingly with the duty of preparing the accompanying sketch.

“In the Autumn of 1904, the writer, in conversation with Mr. Frederick H. Clark, broached the matter of the formation of a society or club to meet periodically for the purpose of discussing topics of timely interest. The matter was subsequently brought to the attention of others and was favorably received. A meeting for the purpose of effecting an organization was held on the evening of December 14, 1904, at Mr. Clark's studio, 143 East State Street.”

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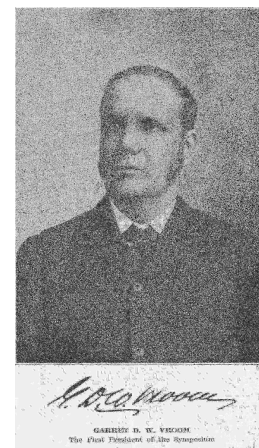
<sup>2</sup> “The Decennial Book” (Trenton, NJ) 1915

The founding members represented the cream of Trenton's leadership community. As was the custom in those days, they were categorized by their affiliations:

- Bench and Bar: Garret D. W. Vroom, Judge, New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals  
 William M. Lanning, Judge, United States Circuit Court  
 Linton Satterthwaite, Counsellor-at-Law
- Clergy: Rev. Hamilton Schuyler, Rector, Trinity Church  
 Church Rev. Henry Collin Minton, D.D., LL.D, Pastor, First Presbyterian  
 Rev. Albert W. Wishart, Pastor, Trenton Central Baptist Church
- Medicine: William A. Clark, MD
- Academia: Henry McBride, Director, Trenton School of Industrial Arts  
 James M. Green, Ph.D., LL.D., Principal, State Normal School at Trenton
- Arts and Letters: Adam Strom, Librarian, Trenton Free Library  
 Frederick H. Clark, New Jersey Artist
- Banking and Mercantilism: Hugh H. Hamill. President, Trenton Trust and Safe Deposit Co.  
 Foster C. Griffith, Incorporator, Mercer Hospital  
 Neal Robert Montgomery, Industrialist

Following the convening of the meeting, Judge Garret D. W. Vroom was appointed Chairman. He called upon the Reverend Schuyler to state the purpose of the meeting. Judge Vroom then appointed Rev. Schuyler, Mr. Griffith and Dr. Clark as a Committee on Constitution. They, having previously prepared the document, introduced a Constitution<sup>3</sup> which was, without discussion, adopted. The purpose of the group was stated as follows:<sup>4</sup>

*"The subscribers hereto associate themselves for the purpose of discussing, at stated times and in a social way, such topics as pertain to the welfare, culture and happiness of the people, particularly of our own locality, state, or nation."*



Judge Garret D. W. Vroom

This paragraph has remained in the Constitution unchanged to the present day. That scholarly discussion was their primary interest is made clear by the rules established to guide and govern the discussion in several sections that appear later in the original Constitution:<sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup> See Appendix 4 – The Constitution

<sup>4</sup> From Article I – Objects, Section 1. of the Constitution adopted December 14, 1904.

<sup>5</sup> From Article IV – Meetings of the Constitution adopted December 14, 1904.

*“Section 5. The time allowed for the reading of any paper which may be presented shall not exceed thirty minutes, except by unanimous consent.*

*“Section 6. In the discussion of any paper or subject speakers shall be limited to ten minutes each, and shall not speak a second time until all others present shall have had an opportunity of speaking.”*

At the organizational meeting of The Symposium, Judge Vroom was elected President, James M. Green Vice President and Frederick H. Clark Secretary-Treasurer.

Meetings were set for the second Monday of each month. The subjects for discussion were assigned to members two months in advance by a three-man Committee on Topics (originally Judge Lanning, Rev. Wishart and Rev. Minton) and, at first, it was assumed that only members would participate in the meetings, although the Constitution did have a provision stating that “Each member may invite one non-resident guest to one meeting in each year.”<sup>6</sup>

At the first regular meeting, on January 9, 1905, Linton Satterthwaite presented a paper on “Divorce.”<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Article IV – Meetings, Section 7. of the Constitution adopted December 14, 1904.

<sup>7</sup> For a complete list of all programs presented at The Symposium, see Appendix 6 - Programs

## Roots – 1905-1915

For the first six years, with a few exceptions to be mentioned later, The Symposium met at Frederick H. Clark's studio. It was the practice of the group to gather at 8 PM, hold a short business meeting and then discuss the topic of the evening. At about 10 PM (and often later), they would adjourn for a light supper or, as the minutes refer to it, a collation, usually prepared by the lady of the house and her staff. The dues were \$10 per year (roughly \$185 in 2005 dollars).

There were, as we have seen, fourteen founding members of The Symposium. The Constitution authorized a membership of 17, all of whom must be residents of Mercer County.<sup>8</sup> On Thursday, October 19, 1905, a special meeting was held to hear a proposal for the admission of new members. Mr. William Clark, Col. Washington A. Roebling, John Campbell, Judge Alfred Reed and Governor Edward C. Stokes all were proposed for membership. It was noted that adding six new members would violate the constitutional limit on membership. However, in December, 1905 (at the club's eighth regular meeting), Col. Washington A. Roebling, President of John A. Roebling's Son's Co., became the first member added to the original founding fourteen.

In addition to Mr. Satterthwaite's presentation on "Divorce," during the first year of its existence, the members heard presentations on "The Negro Problem," "The Charity Problem," "Municipal Art," "The Relation of the State to Higher Education," "The Place of Religion in the State," "Samuel Taylor Coleridge – A Study," and "Romanism and American Institutions" – a heady dose of topics if there ever was one. All these presentations were made by members of The Symposium.

The first guest to attend a Symposium meeting, in January, 1906, was John W. Jordan, Librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. He was the guest of Adam Strohm. In February, 1906, the first non-member speaker at The Symposium was Lawson Purdy, Secretary of the New York Tax Reform Association, who spoke on "The Single Tax."

In April, 1906, two additional new members – William Cloke, a correspondent for the New York Herald and Edward C. Stokes, Former Governor of New Jersey – were approved for membership, bringing the total (temporarily) to the constitutionally authorized number of 17. However, in October of that year, the Rev. William Wishart was the first resignee from The Symposium, leaving for a new "call" to a church in Grand Rapids, MI.<sup>9</sup>

May, 1907 brought the first Annual Dinner Meeting, which was held at the Trenton Country Club. According to the pamphlet entitled "The Symposium," published in 1973,<sup>10</sup> "This formal stag party became a characteristic of The Symposium; it was also symbolic [of the] personal respect among those who belong to the society."

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<sup>8</sup> Article II – Membership, Section 1. of the Constitution adopted December 14, 1904.

<sup>9</sup> For a complete list of the Members of The Symposium, including information on their tenure, offices held, and presentations made, see Appendix 5 – Membership.

<sup>10</sup> "The Symposium" (1973, Trenton, New Jersey). This phrase, in fact the entire Foreword from which it is quoted, was repeated in the 1980, 1983 and 1986 issues of the publication.

Thirteen members convened for dinner at 7:00 and, following dinner, heard a presentation by William Libbey, D.Sc., Professor of Physical Geography, Princeton University, on the topic "The Panama Canal." Libbey was admitted to membership in The Symposium the following year and was a long time member, serving as Vice President in 1911, President in 1912 and giving five more presentations to the group prior to his death in 1927. The Annual Dinner Meeting was held each year in May for 46 years until the practice was discontinued in 1953.<sup>11</sup>

Though the group continued to meet regularly at Frederick Clark's studio, the November meeting in 1907 was held at the home of Col. Washington A. Roebling, on West State Street, who was serving as Vice President and President-Elect at the time. Dinner was served at 7:30 PM prior to a discussion of "Minerals" led by Roebling and his associate S. H. Hamilton. The presentation featured a tour of Roebling's extensive collection of common and semi-precious minerals.

The light supper served at the meeting of February, 1908 must have been particularly good. Following a statement that "The program consisted of a paper presented by the Reverend Hamilton Schuyler titled "Sunday Observance Considered Historically and Practically. It was followed by active discussion by the membership,"<sup>12</sup> the minutes go on to include a rare, in fact unique, reference to the supper menu: "Adjourned for Diamond-Back Terrapin."<sup>13</sup>

The May, 1908 Annual Dinner Meeting, held at the Trenton Country Club, attracted 14 members and 1 guest to hear a presentation on the topic "Our National Altruism" by William M. Lanning, LL.D., one of the founding members.

In order to encourage more guests to attend the Annual Dinner Meetings, in April 1909 Foster Griffith made a motion that each member be permitted to invite, on behalf of The Symposium, a guest for the Annual Dinner.<sup>14</sup> The motion was seconded and carried following a brief discussion of the fact that this could be in violation of Article IV, Section 7 of the Constitution which limits the number of guests for each member to one per year.<sup>15</sup> However, the net result was that at the next Annual Dinner Meeting, held the following month, the eleven members who attended brought with them 5 guests.

The meeting of October 1909 was held at the home of Dr. James M. Green on North Clinton Street. At that meeting William Libbey pointed out that all members had a obligation to present papers at the group's meetings. He noted that, while some members were faithful in fulfilling this, others were less so. He moved that a system of casting of lots be installed for deciding upon the member who should read a paper at any particular meeting or provide someone to take his place. The motion failed to pass. However, a motion was passed that the matter be referred back again to the Membership Committee.<sup>16</sup> There is no evidence of any further action taken on this matter, nor that the situation troubling Mr. Libbey changed in any way as a result, at least for the present time.

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<sup>11</sup> The Minutes of 5/4/1953 were the first not to refer to the May meeting as the Annual Dinner Meeting.

<sup>12</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of February 10, 1908.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid.

<sup>14</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of April 12, 1909.

<sup>15</sup> Ibid.

<sup>16</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of October 11, 1909.

As further evidence that change was underway, at the meeting on December 13, 1909, "The Committee on Entertainment reported that the voice of the members had been sought as to the advisability of substituting a 7 o'clock dinner for a ten o'clock supper at the meetings of The Symposium; and recommended that the January meeting be held at the Bismarck Hotel, the dinner to be served at 7 o'clock and to be followed by the transaction of business and the reading of the paper for the evening.

"A motion was then carried that the report of the Committee be adopted and the Committee authorized to make arrangements for the dinner and meeting of The Symposium at the Bismarck, 25 East Hanover Street,, Monday evening, January tenth, 1910 at seven o'clock as suggested, for trial."<sup>17</sup>

Apparently, the experiment met with some favor as, at the January meeting, "A motion was carried that the next dinner and meeting of The Symposium be held at the Bismarck, the hour of half after six being substituted for seven o'clock."<sup>18</sup>

However, the change didn't stick. The February meeting was again held at the studios of Frederick Clark and continued there for two more months, until the meeting of April 11, 1910. In all, Mr. Clark (and his hard-working spouse and house staff) hosted a total of 39 meetings of the group.

At the final meeting at the home of Mr. Clark, on April, 1910, "A motion was passed that the Secretary ask through proper channels permission to use The Old Barracks for future meetings of The Symposium and report at the next meeting."<sup>19</sup> The following month, at the Annual Dinner Meeting held at the Trenton Country Club (14 members, 1 guest), "The Secretary read a communication to Dr. Green from The Old Barracks Association granting the use of such rooms to The Symposium for its meetings as The Symposium may consider most comfortable for its needs, the price for same to be three dollars a night."<sup>20</sup>

Beginning in October, 1910 and continuing until April, 1916, forty-two meetings of The Symposium were held at the Old Barracks. In addition to the \$3 a month fee, each Christmas the club sent flowers to the Barrack's secretary, a Mrs. H. M. Voorhees.<sup>21</sup> The group also reverted to its previous custom of meeting at 8:00 PM and having supper following the meeting.

At the very next meeting, in November, 1910, the first hint of budget problems appeared. Up until this time, the \$10 a year dues included a subsidization of meal costs for both members and guests. The Treasurers report at the previous meeting had shown that the total dues income for the period October 1909 to May 1910 was \$170. The treasury had paid out \$28 for miscellaneous items and \$165 for 88 meals or \$1.87 a meal. "A motion was passed that the Treasurer be authorized to assess members one dollar and a half each to make up the deficit for the year 1910."<sup>22</sup> This was not as

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<sup>17</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of December 13, 1909.

<sup>18</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of January 10, 1910.

<sup>19</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of April 11, 1910.

<sup>20</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of May 3, 1910

<sup>21</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of November 14, 1910, et seq.

<sup>22</sup> ibid.

insignificant as it sounds. It represented a 15% surcharge valued at about \$30 in 2005 dollars.

In what appears to be a flurry of self-indulgence, at the February, 1911 meeting Woodrow Wilson was proposed for membership by Dr. Henry Collin Minton. The motion was seconded by William Libbey and referred to the Committee on Membership,<sup>23</sup> but nothing ever came of it, presumably because Wilson was at the time busy governing the state of New Jersey and then, beginning the following year, the United States.

In November, 1911, Adam Strohm, Librarian of the Trenton Free Public Library and a founding member of the organization resigned. Though never previously mentioned in the minutes, he was thanked on this occasion for “furnishing the members with a bibliography on each of the important questions discussed.”<sup>24</sup> Reflecting upon this, it becomes evident that the members were very serious about the educational importance of the discussions held at the meetings of the organization. Imagine the work involved in, to say nothing of the value to the membership of, preparing a bibliography for each of the 52 meetings involved.

At that same meeting, in response to the discovery that there were actually 19 members of The Symposium (even though the Constitution authorized only 17), “A motion by Mr. Schuyler was seconded and passed that The Symposium may invite four visitors to be selected by the Membership Committee (residents of Mercer County) to attend the meetings and share the obligations and privileges of the Club.”<sup>25</sup> This category of membership, never authorized in the Constitution, became the “Permanent Guest” category which is discussed later in this narrative.

Just over a year later, at the meeting of November 11, 1912, “The Secretary read Major Evan Johnson, Jr.’s resignation from membership. A motion was made and passed that the resignation be accepted with regret and that Major Johnson continue to enjoy the privileges without the obligations of the club.”<sup>26</sup> This was the precursor to the category of Honorary Membership, not actually created until May, 1959 – except that Johnson had been a member for less than a year and the future requirement would be for at least 10 years of active membership (though, to his credit, he had made two presentations to the group during that year.)

At the meeting of December 9, 1912, two amendments to the Constitution were adopted.<sup>27</sup> Article II – Name and Membership, Section 1. was amended to raise the number of authorized members from 17 to 21 and Article VII – Rules and Amendments, Section 2. that had previously read:

*“Section 2. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting, provided, that the proposed change has been announced at two previous meetings and adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Club, ~~except Article Two, which may be altered or~~*

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<sup>23</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of February 13, 1911.

<sup>24</sup> Minutes of the meeting of November 14, 1911.

<sup>25</sup> Ibid.

<sup>26</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of November 11, 1912.

<sup>27</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of December 9, 1912.

~~amended only at the annual meeting in December, previous notice of proposed change having been given."~~

was changed to eliminate the words which are struck through. Article II, of course, deals with Name and Membership. The reason for the inclusion of this clause in the original Constitution – that is, why the membership rules could be changed only at the annual meeting – is not made clear in the minutes, nor is the reason for its removal.

The meeting of March 19, 1913 is notable for the fact that it was the first meeting since the founding of the organization at which Frederick C. Clark was not present.<sup>28</sup> He was confined to his home with a cold. He had attended 67 consecutive meetings over a period of 8 years and 3 months.

For the entire history of The Symposium, the problem of low attendance at meetings has rankled the membership. Over its first 10 years, the attendance record was as follows:<sup>29</sup>

Year	Average Percent of Members Attending Meetings	Year	Average Percent of Members Attending Meetings
1905	100%	1910	58%
1906	79%	1911	63%
1907	82%	1912	67%
1908	88%	1913	59%
1909	67%	1914	62%

The Constitution of the time contained this language in Article IV – Meetings, Section 4.<sup>30</sup>

*Section 4. Any member absent from four successive meetings, not having been excused, shall thereby forfeit his membership, and the Secretary shall certify each vacancy to the Club at the next regular meeting.*

At the meeting of November, 1913, Foster C. Griffith moved and Rev. Hamilton Schuyler seconded that “the Secretary report the lapses in attendance at the next meeting under Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution.”<sup>31</sup> The motion passed, but apparently no follow-up took place as there is no further mention of the matter in succeeding minutes. As we shall see, this solution to the problem of low attendance – enforcement of the rules of attendance as stated in the Constitution -- continued to be advocated from time to time but seldom were these attendance rules enforced.

At the meeting which took place in April of 1914, there began a flurry of activity aimed at creating a “ten-year book to be ready for distribution to the members at our

<sup>28</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of March 19, 1913

<sup>29</sup> See Appendix 2 – Membership Data for more detail.

<sup>30</sup> Article IV – Membership, Section 4. of the Constitution as amended December 9, 1912.

<sup>31</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of November 10, 1913.

tenth annual meeting in December 1914.<sup>32</sup> Rev. Hamilton Schuyler suggested that a committee of three be appointed to look into this matter. The President, William A. Clark, appointed Rev Schuyler, Judge Frederick W. Gnichtel and Henry Collin Minton to the committee.

The following month, the committee reported that a forty page book could be published for forty dollars for fifty copies. A motion was passed to continue the committee, and at its discretion to carry the work to its completion. Another motion was passed that the Secretary be added to the committee.<sup>33</sup> Finally at the meeting in December, 1914 (when the book originally was to have been distributed), "The Committee on the Ten Year Book, through its chairman, Rev. Schuyler, presented the following report which by vote was unanimously adopted:

"The Committee appointed by The Symposium to prepare and cause to be printed the Decennial Book begs to submit the following recommendations:

- (1) That an assessment of two dollars (about \$35 today) each be levied upon members to pay the cost of production (\$40.00).
- (2) That each member be entitled to receive one copy of the book.
- (3) That a copy be sent to every former member and to the families of deceased members.
- (4) That one copy be deposited for preservation with the Free Public Library and one with the State Library
- (5) That two copies be bound and retained by the Secretary in the archives of The Symposium
- (6) That the remaining copies be left in the custody of the Secretary at the option of purchase at \$2.00 apiece by new members."<sup>34</sup>

The minutes are silent on whether the committee's recommendations were approved and no further mention of either the publication or the assessment of the members for the cost of its printing is made in the minutes. However, the publication was issued in February, 1915 with the title, "The Decennial Book." In addition to providing lists of the members and programs to date, the publication recounts the events surrounding the founding of the organization and states:

"From time to time in its career The Symposium has enjoyed hearing papers read and addresses given by distinguished speakers outside its circle, but for the most part these services have been rendered by its own members. As will be seen, by reference to the following pages, the subjects discussed have covered a wide range and variety. The debates, while they have commonly evoked great differences of opinion, have never produced the least unpleasantness or acrimony. Indeed the utmost good fellowship has ever prevailed among the members.

"There is an implied understanding that views or opinions expressed by members in The Symposium's discussions shall never be publicly

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<sup>32</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of April 13, 1914.

<sup>33</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of May 11, 1914.

<sup>34</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of December 14, 1914

referred to, much less given to the press. Speakers therefore have always felt at perfect liberty to indulge the utmost frankness in dealing with delicate and burning subjects.

“The Symposium has never assumed to “settle” any question. It has been quite content to listen patiently to all sides without venturing to render any decision as to the merits of the case. The Symposium has aimed to accomplish nothing save to provide an opportunity for social intercourse to its own members, and incidentally, and as a by-product, to promote their edification by an interchange of views on the topics under discussion.”<sup>35</sup>

These words, written by the man who thought up the idea of The Symposium in the first place, provide clear evidence of the purpose and goal of The Symposium (at least in the mind of the Rev. Hamilton Schuyler). But as we shall see, as time went by, this purpose was less and less adhered to.

At the May Annual Dinner Meeting of 1914, Linton Satterthwaite read a paper entitled, “Our Obsolescent Representative System” which, according to the minutes, was acclaimed with “a rising vote of thanks.”<sup>36</sup> This is the first time that the minutes mention any acclaim for the speaker or the topic, so one must conclude that either the Secretary, Mr. Clark, or the membership in attendance, were unusually impressed with the presentation.

It would seem that an equally impressive presentation took place at the meeting of October 12<sup>th</sup> of the same year. Rev. Henry Collin Minton read a paper entitled “The War in Europe” which, according to the minutes, “created so much interest on the part of those present that the discussion continuing until nearly midnight at which time the Club adjourned for supper.”<sup>37</sup>

During the first ten years of its existence, the membership of The Symposium grew from the original fourteen founding members to a total of twenty-one. Of the founding members, only seven remained active. Three had died: Hugh H. Hamill (1909), William M. Lanning (1911) and Garret D. W. Vroom (1914) and four had resigned: Henry McBride and Alfred W. Wishert (1906), Neil Robert Montgomery (1910), and Adam Strohm (1911). They were replaced, and the membership augmented, by the approval for membership of men of equal importance and stature in the community. Among them were:

Bench and Bar:	Scott Scammel, Counselor-at-Law Frederick W. Gnichtel, Judge Court of Common Pleas of Mercer County Alfred Reed, Former Justice, Supreme Court of New Jersey
Government:	Edward C. Stokes, Ex-Governor, State of New Jersey

<sup>35</sup> “The Decennial Book (Trenton, NJ) 1915, page 2

<sup>36</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of May 11, 1914.

<sup>37</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of October 12, 1914

Medicine:	Henry A. Cotton, MD, Director, NJ State Hospital at Trenton
Academia:	Frank Forrest Frederick, Director Trenton School of Industrial Arts William Libbey, Professor of Physical Geography, Princeton University Henry Jones Ford, Professor of Politics, Princeton University Winthrop M Daniels, Professor of Political Economy, Princeton University Henry W. Green, Trustee, Princeton University
Arts and Letters:	William Cloke, Correspondent, New York Herald John J. Cleary, Editorial Writer, Trenton Times-Advertiser
Banking and Mercantilism:	Washington A. Roebling, President, John A. Roeblings Sons Co. John A. Campbell, President, Trenton Potteries Company

In the first decade of The Symposium's existence, there were 78 regular meetings with presentations by 45 different individuals. Sixty-four of these presentations (82%) were made by members of The Symposium including four each by Henry A. Cotton, MD, William Libbey, Henry Collin Minton, Linton Satterthwaite and Hamilton Schuyler. Of the fourteen founding members, all made at least one presentation.

The topics presented covered a wide range. Based on a somewhat arbitrary classification, the most popular subject area was Public Policy (18 presentations), followed by Society (10), Religion (7) and Art and Music (6). In all, twenty-one different topic subject areas were covered ranging from Archeology through Physical Sciences to Travel and World Affairs.<sup>38</sup>

In view of the original purpose of the organization: "discussing, at stated times and in a social way, such topics as pertain to the welfare, culture and happiness of the people, particularly of our own locality, state, or nation,"<sup>39</sup> the organization appeared to be pretty much on track.

Clear evidence of the currency of the subjects discussed at the meetings is provided by the list of topics aired during 1914, the final year of the first decade. In April, a guest speaker, Herbert Adams Gibbons, presented a paper titled, "The Present Situation in the Balkan States." Just two months later, on June 28<sup>th</sup>, Archduke Ferdinand was assassinated in Sarajevo, triggering the "Great War." Then in October, Henry Collin Minton, a Symposium member, presented a paper titled "The War in Europe."

An inspection of the list of club officers during the first decade<sup>40</sup> presents a rather puzzling pattern. Seven of the ten men occupying the office of president during the period were founding members (Vroom, Griffith, Schuyler, Green, Satterthwaite, Minton, and William Clark). The other three incumbents (Roebling, Libbey and Stokes) were not among the founding group.

<sup>38</sup> For a complete summary of the subject matter presented see Appendix 1 – Program Subjects

<sup>39</sup> Article I – Object, Section 1. of the Constitution adopted 12/14/1904

<sup>40</sup> See Appendix 3 – Officers

Only seven of the men elected to the presidency also served as vice president and only three of them (Roebing, Libbey and Stokes) moved directly from the office of Vice President to that of President. James Green was the first Vice President (1904-05) but was not elected to the Presidency until 1909. Satterthwaite was Vice President in 1908 and President in 1912. Henry Collin Minton held the office of Vice President in 1906 but was not elected President until 1911.

From this distance in time, it is difficult to understand the dynamic underlying these observations. One constant throughout the decade, however, was the incumbency of Frederick C. Clark as Secretary-Treasurer (and it is a pleasure to read the minutes written in his flowing cursive style).



## Getting to Know Ourselves – 1915-1925

The year 1915 marked the start of the second decade of The Symposium. In that year the cruise ship *Lusitania* was sunk by a German U-boat, there was a tetanus epidemic among the soldiers fighting in Europe, Albert Einstein first postulated his General Theory of Relativity and Junker built its first airplane. Alexander Graham Bell and his assistant Thomas Watson made the first coast-to-coast telephone call and on the entertainment scene, D.W. Griffith produced "Birth of a Nation," W. Somerset Maugham wrote "Of Human Bondage" and Sergey Rachmaninov composed his "Vespers."

The second decade of The Symposium began on January 11, 1915 with a presentation at The Old Barracks by ex-governor Edward C. Stokes on the topic "Peace" which, considering the state of affairs in the world at large, was eminently appropriate.

In January of 1916, the persistent problem of attendance at meetings once again raised its ugly head. This time, instead of advocating the enforcement of the constitutionally-based attendance rules, Judge Frederick W. Gnichtel offered the following resolution with a request that a copy of same be sent to each member of The Symposium:<sup>41</sup>

"In view of the fact that the attendance of the members is quite irregular, and it is desirable to have a large attendance at the meetings –

"Resolved that the membership of The Symposium be increased to thirty members"

The motion was tabled without further action and it would be another eight years before the membership limit was increased.

At the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting, held May 8, 1916 at the Trenton Country Club and attended by 13 members and 3 guests, the Secretary, Frederick H. Clark, read a communication from Mrs. H. M. Voorhees, Secretary of the Old Barracks Association stating that the rooms formerly rented to The Symposium for its meetings would no longer be available for that purpose owing to new rules made by the Trustees since the re-arrangement of the Barracks the previous year. Since October, 1910, the club had held 42 of its meetings at the Old Barracks.

"A motion by Mr. Griffith was seconded and passed authorizing the Secretary to arrange for new quarters for the future meetings of The Symposium."<sup>42</sup>

Thus did The Symposium move to its new meeting place, The Contemporary Club, located at 176 West State Street. That would continue to be the venue for the regular meetings of The Symposium on and off for the next 16 years – until April, 1932.

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<sup>41</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of January 10, 1916.

<sup>42</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of May 8, 1916.

The first meeting at the Contemporary Club, held on November 13, 1916 was, according to the minutes "of an informal nature, the discussion being relative to the advisability of seeking means to insure a more regular attendance, and confining the papers more strictly to the members themselves than has been done in the more recent past."<sup>43</sup> (The average attendance over the previous three years was only 10 out of 22 members, although over 70% of the presentations were made by members.)

Though no decisions were reached at the meeting, in December, Linton Satterthwaite made the following two motions:<sup>44</sup>

"Resolved, that a list of honorary members be created, and members absent for four consecutive meetings without excuse, may at any meeting by a majority vote of the members present, be placed on such honorary list." (This was seconded by Governor Stokes and tabled for future discussion)

"Resolved, that The Symposium elect from time to time permanent guests, to a number not to exceed five." (This was seconded by Mr. Moore and unanimously carried. Six names were submitted to the Committee on Membership to be reported at the next meeting.)

The obvious purposes of these motions were to (a) purge the regular membership of inactive members by placing them in an "honorary" status rather than dropping them from membership as required by the Constitution, and (b) to allow an expansion of the active membership without the attending required constitutional amendment. The motions were acted upon at the meeting of February 12<sup>th</sup>. The first motion failed, but the second passed and the number of "Permanent Guests" was fixed at five.<sup>45</sup>

Throughout its history, The Symposium strongly rejected any suggestion that its deliberations be made public. On a number of occasions, the membership was instructed not to discuss or repeat any statements made during the discussions at the meetings. However, In January, 1917, a grand exception was made to this tradition. The speaker at the meeting was Major General George W. Goethals, the Chief Engineer of the recently opened Panama Canal. A reporter from the Trenton Times-Advertiser was invited to the meeting and, in the issue of January 9, 1917 of that newspaper, an article titled "GOETHALS TALKS TO SYMPOSIUM: Panama Canal Engineer Gives General Survey of the Work, with Motion Pictures" appeared. Here is the text of that article:<sup>46</sup>

General George W. Goethals, engineer of the Panama Canal, lectured on the general subject of the canal before The Symposium at The Contemporary Club House last evening. John J. Cleary, president of The Symposium, introduced General Goethals. The lecture was illustrated by a reel of motion pictures, projected by Charles W. Kimble of this city.

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<sup>43</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of November 13, 1916.

<sup>44</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of December 12, 1916.

<sup>45</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of February 12, 1917.

<sup>46</sup> Trenton Times-Advertiser, January 9, 1917.

General Goethals spoke on “The Building of the Panama Canal,” and his talk was divided into three topics, respecting the slides in the Cutebra Cut, the toll system, the canal as a business enterprise and the cost and relative usefulness of the stream to the United States.

General Goethals said he believed that the improvement would eventually pay for itself. Last year, he said, the profit from the sale of coal alone was \$400,000, while the sale of commissaries brought something like \$40,000.

Answering a question from the audience, he said that the canal has been fortified and that the country reserves the right to close it at any or all times to foreign traffic, whether during the time of war or peace, and that the United States has the authority to search or hold any or all ships that pass through the canal. He said that the damage done by the slides in the cut had been reduced to a minimum and the ultimate cost of the work reached the sum of \$376,000,000, of which about \$10,000,000 has been realized through the operation of the canal. He said that vessels using the stream are assessed a toll of \$1.20 per 100 cubic feet of cargo, which aggregates to about one ton. At the present time, he said, the canal is used more by Denmark, Norway and Sweden than by other countries.

Among the well-known men at the lecture were Governor-elect Walter E. Edge, former Governor E. C. Stokes, John A Campbell, F. W. Roebling, Sr., Charles G. Roebling, John H Scudder, Newton A. K. Bugbee, Henry C. Moore, Charles E. Hewitt, William N. Mumper, R.V. Kuser, former Supreme Court Justice Alfred Reed, Vice Chancellor John H. Backes, Assistant United States District Attorney Joseph L. Bodine, Frank S. Katzenbach, Jr., former Judge Frederick W. Gnichtel, Robert A. Messier and many others.

The Annual Dinner Meeting of May, 1917 was the last to be held at the Trenton Country Club for a number of years. Beginning in May, 1918 and continuing through May, 1922, the annual meetings were held at the Contemporary Club – the site of the regular meetings.

The middle part of the second decade of the club's existence was a quiet time organizationally. There is little of note in the minutes other than a vote in January, 1921 to increase the number of “Permanent Guests” from 5 to 10. This was the inevitable result of the continuing pressure for additional members in order to increase attendance at meetings and the apparent reluctance on the part of the body to increase the constitutionally authorized membership above the twenty-one which had been established in the 1912 amendments.

In February, 1917, when the “Permanent Guest” category was established, the number was set at 5. Thus, along with the constitutionally authorized membership of 21, the club was able to have 26 active participants. In that year, the actual number was 22. However, in 1918 it jumped to 27 and then to 29 in 1921. By increasing the number of

Permanent Guests from 5 to 10, the club managed to bring the actual number once again within the technically authorized number.

Trenton's glamorous new Stacy-Trent Hotel opened on September 21, 1921 and just 19 days later The Symposium held its October meeting there. While the hotel was modern, the club's presentation that night remained well within the traditional borders of club discourse: the Reverend Hamilton Schuyler, a founding member, spoke on "The Religion of the Future: A Forecast."

The 1922 Annual Dinner Meeting, held May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Trenton Country Club, marked a milestone in the history of The Symposium. It was the first time that more than 20 members were in attendance at a meeting (there were also 12 guests present). The speaker was Roland S. Morris, former United States Ambassador to Japan, and his topic was "Some Aspects of the Russian Situation."

From November, 1922 until April, 1923, The Symposium met at The Old Stonehouse Tea Shop, 320 West State Street. There is no indication in the contemporary minutes why a change in the meeting location took place, but following the Annual Dinner Meeting in May, 1923 at the Trenton Country Club, the meetings returned to the Contemporary Club.

In 1922 there were 21 regular members and 10 permanent guests on the roster. However, in November, 1922, Henry Collin Minton, Jr., the son of one of the founding members, was advanced for membership. To accommodate him, in December, 1922 the number of permanent guests was increased from 10 to 11.<sup>47</sup>

Nineteen twenty-two also represents the year in which the Treasurer's report first appeared as a part of the minutes. It reports disbursements of, among other things, \$70.00 for suppers, \$94.50 for the annual dinner, and \$21.90 for cigars.

In May, 1923 the Annual Dinner Meeting was held outside Trenton for the first and, to date, only time. The group journeyed to the Fountain House in Doylestown, PA where 16 members and 11 guests heard a paper by David Lawrence, President of the Consolidated Press Association and founder of both the White Press Corp. and US News and World Report magazine. He spoke on the topic "National Politics." No reason for the choice of this venue is given in the minutes and the fact that it is outside Mercer County (when the membership was still restricted to residents of that county) makes the choice of location difficult to understand.

In commemoration of the completion of two decades of scholarship and camaraderie, at the meeting on December 15, 1924 Hamilton Schuyler "brought to the attention of the Society that fact that The Symposium had completed its twentieth year and he offered a motion that "a committee be appointed to prepare and print a second decennial book to give the history of the society for the past ten years."<sup>48</sup>

The motion was seconded by Judge Gnichtel who subsequently offered an amendment to the effect that Mr. Schuyler be appointed a committee of one with power to carry out that suggestion.. The amendment and the original motion were unanimously

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<sup>47</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of December 11, 1922

<sup>48</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of December 15, 1924.

passed"<sup>49</sup> and the booklet, titled "Twenty Years of The Symposium: 1904-1924" was published three months later at a cost of \$157.00.<sup>50,51</sup>

The publication was structured very similarly to that of ten years earlier. It contains a copy of the Constitution and a list of officers, members and programs for the twenty-year period. Uniquely, It provides a "Necrology," listing the members who had died (rather than resigned).

It also reprints the Foreword from "The Decennial Book" and adds one of its own, again written by Rev. Schuyler, who states:

"There is little to add by way of comment for the ten years that have followed except to say that recourse has been had perhaps more frequently than in the past to the services of speakers outside The Symposium's own membership, and hence that the feature of free discussion, the give and take of debate has tended to be less marked than formerly. This may be regarded either as a loss or a gain according as the main purpose of the Society is interpreted. The Symposium has certainly been privileged to listen to many informing addresses delivered by able and distinguished guests as well as to excellent papers and talks from its own members. Possibly a judicious intermingling of the two methods will tend on the whole to yield the most agreeable and helpful results."<sup>52</sup>

He is still clearly concerned with the fact that the meetings were failing to produce the "interchange of views on the topics under discussion" and "great differences of opinion" that he preferred, but he appears to be resigned to the fact that that was, perhaps, no longer the preference of the members. In fact, in the period from January, 1922 to December, 1924 when he wrote this, only 10 of 23 meetings featured outside speakers.

Also, at the December, 1924 meeting, the members decided that it was finally time to amend the membership requirements in the Constitution. They adopted an amendment to Section II – Name and Membership, Section 1. increasing the number of authorized members from 21 to 40.<sup>53</sup> The days of the "permanent guests" were over.

At the same time, Article IV – Membership, Section 4. which read "*Any member absent from four successive meetings, not having been excused, shall thereby forfeit his membership, and the Secretary shall certify each vacancy to the Club at the next regular meeting.*" was deleted and the subsequent sections (5, 6 and 7) renumbered. Why this section requiring attendance at the meetings was deleted is not made clear in the minutes. Perhaps the members realized that, since it was not being enforced, it should be removed. However, as we shall

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<sup>49</sup> Op cit.

<sup>50</sup> "Twenty Years of The Symposium, 1904-24."

<sup>51</sup> Treasurer's Report, January 1926.

<sup>52</sup> Ibid., page 1

<sup>53</sup> Minutes of the meeting of December 15, 1924

see, 35 years later in 1959, a similar provision was once again inserted into the Constitution.

On the other hand, to address the issue of improving membership participation in the meetings of The Symposium, first raised by William Libbey thirteen years earlier, and trumpeted by Rev. Schuyler in both ten-year publications, the following sentence was added to Article II – Name and Membership, Section 2:

*“Members shall not be considered as having fully qualified for membership until they have read a paper or made an address before the Society.”<sup>54</sup>*

While this was a laudable effort to increase participation, it was essentially “toothless” and there is no evidence of it ever having been enforced. As of December, 1924 (when this amendment was passed), there were eight members who had not addressed the group. By 1934, ten years later, the number had grown to 17.

The second decade of The Symposium brought some major changes to its character. The number of members (and permanent guests) increased from 21 in 1914 to 33 in 1924, an increase of over 50%. And with the constitutional limit having been raised to 40, the problems of membership, and thus of meeting attendance, would appear to have been solved – at least for the time being.

During the decade, Frederick C. Clark, William A Clark, and Henry Collin Minton resigned and James M. Green died, leaving only three of the original 14 founding members active: Foster C. Griffith, Linton Satterthwaite and Hamilton Schuyler. Four other members resigned and two died, but 22 new members were added to the roster. Among them were:

Bench and Bar:       Edward L. Katzenbach, Former Attorney General, State of New Jersey  
                               Joseph L. Bodine, Judge, United States District Court  
                               Edward M. Hunt, Counsellor-at-Law  
                               Edgar W. Hunt, Counsellor-at-Law  
                               Henry Collin Minton, Jr., Counsellor-at-Law

Clergy:                 Peter K. Emmons, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church

Government:         Alfred N. Barber, Secretary, New Jersey Dept. of Public Utilities  
                               Malcolm G. Buchanan, Vice Chancellor of New Jersey

Medicine:             George N. J. Sommer, MD

Academia:             Jerohn J. Savits, Principal, State Normal School at Trenton  
                               William J. Bickett, Superintendent of Schools, City of Trenton

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<sup>54</sup> Ibid.

Arts and Letters:        Howard L. Hughes, Librarian, Trenton Free Public Library  
                                 John P. Dullard, New Jersey State Librarian  
                                 James Kerney, Editor, Trenton Times

Banking and                Herman C. Mueller, President, Mueller Mosaic Company  
Mercantilism:

The members heard 77 papers during the decade with subject matter distributed broadly across twenty-two topic areas.<sup>55</sup> World Affairs topped the list with 12, followed by Public Policy (8) and Education (6).

A number of well-known persons addressed The Symposium during this period. Already noted were General George W. Goethals and David Lawrence. James C. R. Ewing, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Punjab spoke on "Political Unrest in India, John B. W. Gardner, Military Consultant to the New York Times spoke on "Results of the Washington Conference" and Clifford M. Holland, Chief Engineer of the New York and New Jersey Interstate Bridge and Tunnel Commission (and after whom the tunnel is named) spoke at the May, 1924 Annual Dinner Meeting on the topic "The Building of the Interstate Vehicular Tunnel."

However, as contrasted to the fact that 82% of the presentations during the first ten years were delivered by symposium members, in the second decade, only 65% were the product of member's efforts. This represents the motivation behind the constitutional amendment discussed earlier and also the beginning of a trend which will be noted several times in the years to come.

Beginning in 1914, the practice of treating the office of Vice President as a springboard to the Presidency became more firmly established. Except for Scott Scammel, who was Vice President in 1915 but resigned from the club in 1917, all of the vice presidents in the second decade were elected to the presidency the following year. Frederick C. Clark resigned the office of Secretary-Treasurer in 1917 and was replaced by Howard L. Hughes, who served until 1932.

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<sup>55</sup> See Appendix 1 – Program Subjects



## Questioning Our Purpose – 1925-1935

1925 was a turbulent year. Hitler, sentenced in Germany to five years imprisonment, was released after only eight months, Japanese immigrants were barred from coming to the US, J. Edgar Hoover was named Director of the FBI, the first Winter Olympics were held in Chamonix, France, and Leopold & Loeb got life sentences for murder. George Gershwin composed “Rhapsody in Blue” and both Giacomo Puccini and Victor Herbert died.

As the third decade of The Symposium began, meetings continued to be held at the Contemporary Club. However, in February of 1925, the group met at the home of Dr. George N. J. Sommer who was also the speaker for the evening (he chose as his topic, “Hobbies: Their Therapeutic Value”) and in December the group met at the Trenton Country Club.

A reading of the minutes indicates that the years from 1925 through 1929 were organizationally uneventful. The minutes of the Annual Dinner Meeting, held at the Contemporary Club on May 20, 1929 are an interesting exception to this. Colonel Ralph Heywood Isham spoke to the group on the topic, “Manuscripts of the Celebrated James Boswell” and the minutes of that meeting state: “In the estimation of the members, Col. Isham’s talk was the most interesting in the history of the Society.”<sup>56</sup>

In November of 1929, the site of the meetings was moved to the Trenton Country Club. There is no evidence in the minutes of the reason for this change (the Annual Dinner Meeting in 1930 was held at the Contemporary Club). In June, 1931 a special meeting was held in the Dutch Room of the Nassau Inn in Princeton. The speaker was General Jay J. Morrow, Governor of the Panama Canal Zone and he spoke about the political implications of the operations of the Canal.

But trouble seemed to be brewing. Beginning in 1930, the minutes reflect a concern for the future of the society. Attendance at meetings was seen as very poor (37% of the active membership in 1929, 36% in 1930, 47% in 1931 and 38% in 1932). The number of members actively participating in presenting papers to The Symposium was also greatly reduced from experience in the past – only 8 of the 19 presentations between 1930 and 1932 were made by members.

In January, 1932, a motion was made to appoint a committee to consider the feasibility of merging The Symposium with another similar Trenton Group, amended to include an investigation of “means for making more active the present membership.” A 7-man committee chaired by Vice President Malcolm G. Buchanan was appointed.<sup>57</sup> At the February meeting, the committee reported the following recommendations:<sup>58</sup>

1. Amend the Constitution so as to increase the membership limit to 50 and no more

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<sup>56</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of May 20, 1929.

<sup>57</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of January 11, 1932.

<sup>58</sup> Minutes of the Meeting of February 15, 1932.

2. Repeal Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution (“Each member may invite one non-resident guest to one meeting each year.”)
3. Request the Membership Committee to endeavor to complete the maximum membership
4. Call to the attention of the members that their attendance at, and participation in, the meetings is essential to the success of the club
5. Call to the attention of new members who have not yet read a paper or made an address, that under the Constitution they are not considered fully qualified members until they shall have done so
6. Continue the policy of having papers or addresses by non-members as well as by members; but that at least half thereof, in any one year, be by members.

It was moved and seconded that an amendment increasing membership from 40 to 50 be placed before the members at the March meeting. (Malcolm Buchanan offered an amendment that membership be increased to 80 which failed.)

These recommendations sparked a good deal of discussion at both the March and April, 1932 meetings, and both meetings involved a number of Symposium members in group presentations, presumably in the spirit of recommendation 5 above. At the March meeting, Messrs. Mueller, Stokes, Bain, Bellis and Wetzel discussed “The Pressing Problems of Unemployment” and at the April meeting, Mr. Loser and Drs. Abbott and Spaeth discussed “Scholastic and Collegiate Athletics.”

Nevertheless, no formal action was taken on any of the recommendations made by the committee at the February meeting and no apparent efforts were made to enforce the constitutional requirement for participation.

The meeting of April, 1932 was the last one held at the Contemporary Club. For reasons that are not stated in the minutes there was no Annual Dinner Meeting in May, 1932 – the first time since 1907 that this had happened. There was, however, a special meeting held at the Trenton Country Club on June 6<sup>th</sup> at which Jacob G. Lipman, Dean of the Agricultural College of Rutgers University, spoke on “The Land Factor in Our Economic System.” And, beginning in October 1932, the regular meetings of The Symposium were held at the Trenton Country Club.

Evidence that the problems of the organization had not been resolved is provided by the fact that on December 14, 1932 a business meeting was held for which no minutes were kept, though on the following day, the president, D. Parry Forst, wrote a letter to Rev. Hamilton Schuyler, the last surviving founding member stating, “It would be a shame to let The Symposium die a natural death.”<sup>59</sup>

What are some of the circumstances that may have underlain this apparent crisis of identity? The attendance had been very poor for several years, averaging less than 40% (less than 16 men at each meeting) for the years 1928-1932. There had been seven regular meetings in 1929 and 1930, six in 1931 but only 5 in 1932 (with one special meeting each in 1931 and 1932), though Symposium members made presentations at 12 of these 25 programs. Apparently, however, the enthusiasm which had characterized the early years of the organization had waned.

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<sup>59</sup> Correspondence dated December 15, 1932 from D. Parry Forst to Rev. Hamilton Schuyler.

Though there is no minute to reflect it, an amendment to the Constitution was passed at the December 4, 1932 meeting increasing the membership limit from 40 to 50 and, importantly, adding the following wording to the section on Membership: "... who shall be citizens or residents of *Burlington, Hunterdon or Mercer County in New Jersey or Bucks County in Pennsylvania.* (Additional wording italicized.)

It is also evident that at this closed meeting a decision was made to change permanently the structure of the groups' meetings. Beginning with the first meeting of 1933, the group met for dinner at 7:00 PM followed by the business meeting and the presentation of the evening. This practice, with some small changes in the details, has continued to the present day.

The regular meetings continued to be held at the Trenton Country Club (as they would be for the next 36 years until March 5, 1969). There was again no Annual Dinner Meeting in May, 1933, but in November, an Annual Dinner Meeting was held at the Old Barracks. The speaker was J. Duncan Spaeth, Professor of English at Princeton University and a member of The Symposium. His topic: "Germany Under Hitler."

In sum, the third decade of The Symposium mirrored the state of the country: complacency during the first half (1925 through 1929) and disruption and uncertainty thereafter (1930 through 1934).

The last three active founding members died during the decade: Linton Satterthwaite in 1925, Foster Griffith in 1928 and Hamilton Schuyler in 1933. Four additional members died and 10 resigned during the period. Thirty new members were added, though 14 of them resigned before the end of the decade (perhaps an indication of the turmoil going on in the organization).

Nevertheless, among the new members were a number of leading citizens of the area:

William A. Wetzel, Principal, Trenton High School  
Ellis L. Pierson, Counsellor-at-Law  
William J. Ellis, Psychologist, New Jersey Dept. of Institutions and Agencies  
Frank Graham Holmes, Chief Designer, Lenox Incorporated  
Roscoe L. West, President, New Jersey State Teachers College – Hillwood  
John Van Buren Wicoff, President, Broad Street National Bank  
Andrew B. Hammitt, President, H & B Enterprise Corporation  
Alfred P. S. Bellis, Chief Engineer, John A. Roebling's Sons Company  
Frank D. Schroth, Editor and Publisher, The Brooklyn Daily Eagle  
J. Duncan Spaeth, Professor of English, Princeton University  
James L. Martin, President, Walter F. Smith and Company  
Paul Loser, Superintendent of Schools, City of Trenton  
Sackett M. Dickinson, Deputy Attorney General, State of New Jersey

As mentioned above, the attendance record for the decade was exceptionally poor:

1925	47%	1930	36%
1926	41%	1931	47%
1927	45%	1932	38%
1928	41%	1933	45%
1929	37%	1934	50%

There were 73 papers presented during the decade, only 24 of them (33%) by members of The Symposium. In fact, 1934 was the first year in the history of The Symposium in which none of the papers were presented by members, a situation that would not occur again for nine years. The topics, once again, ranged widely as can be seen by an inspection of the data presented in Appendix 1 – Program Subjects

Among the speakers were Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, Charles P. Messick, Secretary of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission, Abraham Epstein, Secretary, American Association for Old Age Security, David Fernsler, Director of the Associated Press, Jay J. Morrow, Governor of the Panama Canal Zone (mentioned earlier), Whitney Darrow, Vice President, Charles Scribner's Sons and A. Crozer Reeves, New Jersey Senator.

In the decade from 1925 to 1934, only two men who served as Vice President did not go on to serve as President. William E. Green was Vice President in 1928 but was unable to accept the presidency the following year because of illness. Louis G. Beers was Vice President in 1932 but, in 1933, Howard L. Hughes, long-time Secretary-Treasurer, was elected to the office of President. He was succeeded in the role of Secretary-Treasurer by James L. Martin who held the office until 1941.

With the death of the last three active founding members of The Symposium, it is appropriate to mention a practice, commonplace in the early years of the organization but which has since been discontinued. Up until 1976, it was the custom, upon the death of a member, to assign someone the responsibility of composing a eulogy and, at the following meeting, reading it, incorporating it into the minutes and sending a copy to the surviving spouse or children.

Most of these eulogies were beautifully written and, obviously, carefully thought through and composed. They also served to give the reader a clear picture of how the deceased was viewed by his fellow Symposium members. Here are the eulogies for the last three active founding members who died during this decade:

#### **1/12/1925: Linton Satterthwaite**

Resolved, that The Symposium place on record its sincere sorrow over the death of Linton Satterthwaite, one of the Charter Members of the Society and, up to the time of his illness, a regular attendant at its meetings.

One of a group of a dozen men who in 1904 organized The Symposium, he is survived in its membership by only two of his former associates. It was he who read the first paper before the Society, the subject being "Divorce" and from time to time he also contributed other papers. He was always listened to with attention and respect for it was

recognized that he spoke the results of his own clear thinking and strong convictions. Whether men agreed with him or not was a matter that appeared to give him no concern and no opposition ever availed to disturb his equanimity or to cause the least diminution in his courtesy or sense of fellowship. Enthusiastic and even aggressive in his advocacy of measures which he deemed for the welfare of mankind whether in the political, moral or social sphere, he yet was quick to see the force of the arguments on the other side and to concede the equal sincerity of his opponents and their right to maintain and express contrary views.

As a man, as a citizen and as a friend Linton Satterthwaite was fully deserving of the esteem and affection which his associates in The Symposium cherished for him and his removal hence will leave a distinct void in its membership.

#### **10/8/1928 Foster C. Griffith**

The late Foster C. Griffith, whose recent death is so sincerely mourned by a self-limited circle of his former business and social acquaintances, was a charter member of The Symposium. His connection with this association was deeply prized by him and he seldom missed a meeting.

Though naturally of a retiring disposition and constitutionally averse to mingling generally in conventional social life, he delighted in the companionship of a cherished circle of intimate friends and was seen at his best in the give and take of a congenial group. His conversation was seasoned with the salt of natural wit and illuminated by wide reading. A lover of good literature, with a predilection for works of history and biography, his mind was stored with a fund of knowledge which a retentive memory enabled him to draw upon at will, thus providing a valuable contribution to the common stock.

Never loquacious, he yet took his full share in the current discussions and enlivened the proceedings with flashes of wit and turns of humorous expression that were always delightful. Abhorring self-assertion in all its forms and singularly incommunicative in regard to himself and his affairs, he yet had the gift of inspiring the confidence of others and tacitly conveying to them the assurance of his friendly interest and sympathetic understanding. A man of high principles and deep religious convictions, tolerant in respect to differences religious and political, charitable in his judgments and in his readiness to assist all good causes, Griffith has left behind him a memory worthy of esteem and honor on the part of all who came within the circle of his acquaintanceship. Though his oddities were marked and his prejudices sometimes unaccountable, they merely served in the case of those who knew him intimately to add flavor to his personality and zest to his talk.

His presence will be greatly missed by his associates in The Symposium and his name and memory cherished within the circle of the Society.

**2/29/1933: Hamilton Schuyler**

Dr. Schuyler was the last of the founders in the present membership of The Symposium. His contributions to it were unsurpassed, whether judged by the quality and number of the formal papers he presented, by his skill in provoking discussion, by the constancy of his attendance or by his tireless devotion to the society's purposes.

Dr. Schuyler was possessed of a keen mind, wisely enriched by reading and travel. His taste was exquisite, his humor bright, his stories apt and sparkling. He never uttered a platitude, a tactless or unkind word. With perfect understanding and with boundless energy he devoted his heart and mind in ministry to others, a ministry both to the intellect and to the spirit. He was never a captious critic, but always a leader. Cant and dogmatism were unknown to him. The books which he wrote, like his life, were painstakingly accurate and true. He was a Christian gentleman and a friend whose charm ever increased.

## The Middle Years I – 1935-1955

The Symposium entered its 30<sup>th</sup> year with an aura of established tradition and an imperfect vision of the future. The year began at the meeting of January 21, 1935 with a presentation by George Madison Priest, Ph.D., Professor of Germanic Languages and Literature, Princeton University on the topic: "Modern German Youth." This was a most timely topic, given the events transpiring in Europe.

With the death of Paul von Hindenberg and the election of Adolph Hitler as Fuehrer the previous year in 1935, the Nazi government abandoned the Versailles Treaty and began its systematic persecution of Jews. Chiang Kai-Shek took power in China. At home, the Social Security Act was passed, radar was first used to detect airplanes, American Airlines flew its first DC-3 and Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Pacific. George Gershwin composed *Porgy and Bess*.

And The Symposium took steps to renew some of its heritage. At the February meeting, a motion was made, seconded and passed to the effect that "The members of the Society believe it desirable to continue the ancient policy of making no newspaper mention of The Symposium activities."<sup>60</sup>

The Annual Dinner Meeting held at Trenton Country Club on May 20, 1935 (23 members, 8 guests) was notable for the fact that it was the first that did not include the traditional cigars following dinner. The cost, totaling \$109.20, figures out to \$3.52 per person.

The following year the Annual Dinner Meeting on May 11th (again held at Trenton Country Club – 31 members, 9 guests) was the first meeting in The Symposium's history to have more than 30 members in attendance, something that did not occur again until May 1940, another 4 years. Perhaps even more remarkable is the fact that the 31 members who attended represented the entire membership (30 regular members and one honorary member). This was also Dr. J. Duncan Spaeth's last appearance with The Symposium before taking up his new duties as President of the University of Kansas City. He spoke on the subject "Thirty-One Years of Princeton Teaching - Where are We Heading?" According to the minutes, "It is not necessary to comment on Dr. Spaeth's address as practically the whole Society was present to hear him and those fortunate enough to hear it will never forget it."<sup>61</sup>

In October, 1939, discussion concerning changing the weeknight of the meeting took place. A motion was made to change the meeting night from the second Monday in the month to the second Tuesday in the month (there is no evidence in the minutes of the reasons for this). A vote was taken at the November meeting, and the idea was rejected.

A year later, on October 6, 1941, a momentous change in the fabric of the organization took place. A motion was made and passed to increase the dues from \$10

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<sup>60</sup> Minutes of the meeting of February 11, 1935.

<sup>61</sup> Minutes of the meeting of May 11, 1936.

a year to \$15 a year effective January 1, 1942.<sup>62</sup> This was the first increase in dues since the founding of The Symposium in 1904. It should be noted that the dues were expected to cover the costs of the suppers following the regular meetings and the Annual Dinner Meeting as well as incidental costs associated with the operating of the club. In 1941 the Treasurer reported a net deficit of \$26.18 with \$420 in dues income (3 members delinquent in payment) and expenditures of \$446.18 (Annual Dinner \$202.50, Suppers \$215.05, Miscellaneous \$38.63).

Apparently this dues bite was a little too much for some of the members, particularly those who did not regularly attend the meetings because, the following year, at the meeting in October, 1942, a motion was passed, effective January, 1943, reducing the dues once more to \$10 but requiring each member to pay for his own meals.<sup>63</sup>

This, however, did not work out as well as expected for on January 3, 1944, Sackett M. Dickenson, the Secretary-Treasurer reported as follows:

“At the present time there are 46 members of the Society. The average attendance at the meetings has been about 28. We have collected for the dinners (including tips) \$317.00 and have expended \$556.15 thus leaving a deficit of \$239.15 which has been paid out of dues. The average cost per meal was \$1.50 to each member.”<sup>64</sup>

During its fourth decade, The Symposium prospered. The fears expressed in the early 1930's regarding the future were dispelled by increased attendance and pertinent topics for discussion at the meetings.

Eleven members died or resigned during the decade. Edward C. Stokes and Frederick M. Gnichtel died in 1942 after 37 and 32 years of active membership respectively. Malcolm Buchanan died and G. Parry Forst, who had shepherded the organization through the identity crisis of 1932, resigned in 1943 after 24 and 22 years of membership, respectively. Twenty-one new members were admitted. Of these, however, nine died or resigned before the end of the decade, creating a net gain in membership of 2 during the course of the ten years.

Among the new members were James Kerney, Jr., Editor of the Trenton Times, who replaced as a member his father who had died the previous year, both Albert E. Mickelwright and Samuel Mountford of the architectural firm Mickelwright and Mountford, Paul Morton, the City Manager of Trenton, John H. Bosshart, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education, and W. Enos Wetzel who was to remain a member of the club for 46 years,

Attendance at meetings improved dramatically over the previous ten years. Compared to an average attendance of 16.1 per meeting or 43.7% of the active membership from 1925-35, the 1935-45 period produced an average attendance of 20.9 per meeting or 53.2% of the members.

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<sup>62</sup> Minutes of the meeting of October 6, 1941.

<sup>63</sup> Minutes of the meeting of October 6, 1942.

<sup>64</sup> Minutes of the meeting of January 3, 1944.

The topics presented at the meetings reflected the times – all highlight the concerns and interests of the members at the time. In all, 30 of the 78 programs held during the decade focused on topics of World Affairs and Public Policy<sup>65</sup> Here are some examples:

- “Conditions in Germany at the Present Time” (1937)
- “Germany of Today” (1939), “Finland Faces Russia” (1940)
- “The Significance of New Zealand in the Present World Situation” (1941)
- “Greece and the Drama of Democracy” (1941)
- “Is Our War Program Being Endangered?” (1942)
- “The Arab and Moslem World and Its Relation to the Present Conflict” (1942)
- “China’s Place in the Future” (1943)
- “The Last Days of Singapore” (1943)
- “The Chinese-Japanese Situation” (1944)
- “Problems of Freedom in a Modern World” (1944)
- “The Philippines – Economic and Political Problems” (1945)
- “Russia and the World Situation” (1945)
- “The United States and the Army” (1945)

In March, 1945, a proposal to have a member of The Symposium give a five or ten minute book review preceding the speaker of the evening was adopted.<sup>66</sup> As far as can be determined from the minutes, it was not a terribly popular decision. At the following meeting, on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, William B. Duryea provided a review of “Lee’s Lieutenants” by Douglas S. Freeman but the occasion was never repeated.

Also at the March 1945 meeting, a proposal was made to prepare a forty year history of the society. It was approved and Mr. Howard L. Hughes was requested to supervise its preparation. Unfortunately, nothing came of this proposal and a “Forty Year History” was never written though, as pointed out at the beginning of this document, the anniversary had been celebrated at the meeting held on December 4, 1944.

Following the end of the War, in early 1946, the meetings of The Symposium began to grow shorter. Previously, they typically began at 7:00 PM with dinner followed by a presentation and discussion and adjourned around 10:30 or 11:00 PM. But beginning in April 1946, the meetings convened at 6:30 PM and usually adjourned at 9:00 or 9:30 PM. Also, the cost of the dinners began rising. In 1946, the cost of dinner at the Annual Meeting held at the Trenton Country Club for 29 members and 2 guests was \$83.85 -- \$2.70 per person.

During the meeting of April, 1947 a spirited discussion took place on the question of whether or not to dress for the Annual Dinner Meeting.<sup>67</sup> A motion was made to make it optional and passed “in a close vote.”<sup>68</sup> Tuxedos were no longer required!

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<sup>65</sup> See Appendix 2.

<sup>66</sup> Minutes of the meeting of March 5, 1945.

<sup>67</sup> Minutes of the meeting of April 7, 1947 (Note: The capitalization of “Annual Dinner Meeting” is consistent with that of the minutes.)

<sup>68</sup> Ibid.

In 1948, the Trenton Country Club announced that it would no longer serve dinners on Monday evenings and the meeting dates of The Symposium were changed to the first Tuesday of each month. The meetings were held on the first Tuesday until November, 1950 when The Trenton Country Club apparently reversed its decision and meetings began again to be held on Mondays.

On May 9, 1950, the group met for its Annual Dinner at the Nassau Tavern and then walked to the home of Mr. Elmer Adler, an Assistant Professor at Princeton University, at 36 University Place, to view his collection of masterpieces of printing and graphic arts.

The Annual Dinner Meeting on May 7, 1951, attended by 23 members and no guests, was the first annual dinner meeting in the history of The Symposium at which Symposium business was conducted. In an excerpt from a letter from Oliver E. Montague, Managing Director of the Trenton Country Club to Sackett Dickinson, Secretary-Treasurer, he stated, "the price of your menu will be \$2.75 per person and will consist of the following:

Melon Ball Cocktail  
Soup du Jour  
Celery Radishes Olives  
Roast Leg of Lamb with Mint Jelly  
Au Gratin Potatoes New Green Peas  
Tossed Salad  
Apple Crisp a la Mode  
Rolls Coffee"<sup>69</sup>

Throughout its early history, the members of The Symposium were concerned about confidentiality (recall the reminder documented in the minutes of February 11, 1935)<sup>70</sup> In fact, up until 1953 the minutes record only the speaker's name and topic. In this context it is somewhat surprising to find in the minutes of the meeting of March 2, 1953, when a new Secretary-Treasurer, Archibald Brown took over the office, that for the first time the content of a presentation was described.<sup>71</sup> The speaker was Charles R. Erdman, Commissioner, NJ Department of Conservation and Economic Development and he spoke on the topic "Development of the Delaware River Valley." Though the practice of describing the content of the presentation did not become a regular feature of the minutes until sometime in the 1990's, it was provided occasionally thereafter.

The May meeting in 1953 was the first not referred to in the minutes as "The Annual Dinner Meeting" and apparently the practice was dropped as of then. There is no discussion in the minutes as to why this might have taken place. This is somewhat surprising considering the apparent importance of the event over many years. The tradition began in May, 1907 and continued (almost) unbroken for 46 years and then was suddenly discontinued without a stated reason.

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<sup>69</sup> Letter dated April 17, 1951

<sup>70</sup> See page 22.

<sup>71</sup> Minutes of the meeting of March 2, 1953.

March 1954 marked the first recorded payment of an honorarium to a speaker. In a letter dated March 19<sup>th</sup> to Dr. V. E. Devadutt, the Secretary-Treasurer, Sackett Dickinson wrote, "The enclosed check is sent you as an honorarium and we trust that you will accept it as such."<sup>72</sup> There is nothing in the letter to indicate the amount of the check, but in the Treasurer's report submitted in January, 1955, there is an entry of \$40 for honoraria. At eight meetings a year, one might speculate that this represents a payment of \$5.00 per speaker.

However, just a year later on March 11, 1955, Secretary Dickinson wrote to a prospective speaker by the name of Col. John D. Lavelle as follows: "Our meetings are of a social nature. There is no publicity given to addresses or discussions. The Society is not in position to make gratuities to speakers but will be glad to defray traveling expenses." So perhaps there was no fixed policy on the paying of honoraria and the decisions were made on a case-by-case basis. In any case nowhere in the minutes is there a record of a discussion about policy regarding honoraria, speaker's gifts or reimbursement of travel expenses. And there is also no record, outside of the Treasurer's Annual Reports, of such payments.

In October, 1954, the Trenton Country Club again announced the unavailability of dinner service on Monday evenings. This time the members voted to hold the meeting on the first Wednesday of each month, commencing in December of that year. The meetings have been held on the first Wednesday since then up to the present.<sup>73</sup>

As The Symposium approached its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it had grown in membership from 30 in 1935 to 44 in 1945 and to 53 in 1954. Long-time members John Cleary (25 years) died in 1936, Edward Stokes (37 years) and Frederick Gnichtel (32 years) died in 1942, Joseph L. Bodine (36 years) and William A. Wetzell (27 years) died in 1951, John VanBuren Wicoff (24 years) and James L. Martin (22 years) died in 1952 and Frank Graham Holmes (30 years) died in 1954.

Howard L. Hughes, who had been a member since 1917 and J. Duncan Spaeth, mentioned previously in this narrative, were voted into honorary status during the decade. They were the first officially mentioned in the minutes as having attained this status. Although honorary status had been created by a vote in December, 1916, it was not incorporated into the Constitution until 1959.

All told, 15 members died, 14 resigned and 3 were dropped for non-attendance during the decade. Among the 31 new members were Frederick M. Adams, who succeeded Hamilton Schuyler as the Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Basil Outerbridge, President of the Homosote Company, Sydney G. Stevens, President of Trenton Banking Company, William J. Dearden, Director of the New Jersey Department of Motor Vehicles and Walter G. Kuser, President of Lenox Incorporated.

The increased membership led to an increase in attendance at meetings. Attendance was up from an average of 20.9 in the period 1935-44 to 23.3 in 1945-54 but the percent of members attending meetings fell from 53.2% to 49.2%.

World Affairs were even more on the minds of the members during the decade following World War II than they were during the war. Of the 80 programs held between October 1945 and May 1955, a full 30% (24) focused on issues of world affairs. These

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<sup>72</sup> Letter from the Secretary-Treasurer dated March 19, 1954

<sup>73</sup> Minutes of the meeting of October 11, 1954.

were accompanied by 8 dealing with Society, 7 on Travel, 6 each on Local Affairs and Public Policy and 5 on Education, among others.<sup>74</sup>

Unfortunately, the proportion of papers presented by members continued to decline. Of the 162 presentations during the two decades covered by this chapter, only 42 (26%) were by members of The Symposium and, since some members made more than one presentation, only a scant 32 different members actually appeared before the group in this twenty years.

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<sup>74</sup> For a summary of presentations by topic see Appendix 1. For a complete chronological list see Appendix 6 - Programs.

## The Middle Years II – 1955 – 1975

The middle of the decade of the 1950's was a time of great optimism for the United States. West Germany was admitted to NATO, the first McDonald's restaurant opened in Des Plaines, IL, Juan Peron was ousted as leader of Argentina. "Rock Around the Clock" topped the music charts and "Cinerama Holiday" was the highest grossing motion picture, though "Marty" swept the Oscar awards. Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" won a Pulitzer Prize and the Emmy for the best new show on television went to "The Ed Sullivan Show."

The second half of the first hundred years of The Symposium, however, began with financial problems. The Treasurer's report of January 4, 1956 showed a balance of \$75.35 with unpaid bills of \$108.70. At that meeting, after discussion, on motion duly made, the monthly dinner charge was raised to \$3.00 for members and \$4.00 for visiting guests, up from \$1.50 previously.<sup>75</sup>

It is interesting to note that even with this business, the appointment of new committee members for the year and a presentation by Dr. Robert C. Meyers of the New Jersey Department of Institutions and Agencies on the topic of "The Role of the Family in American Life," the meeting, which began at 6:30 PM, adjourned at 8:45, the earliest adjournment on record to date.

At the meeting of March 9, 1955, designated as "Symposium Night," three long-time members reviewed the operation of The Symposium during the past fifty years. Howard L. Hughes, Director of the Trenton Free Public Library who joined the club in 1917 as a Permanent Guest, served as Secretary-Treasurer from 1917 to 1932, was elected to the Presidency in 1932 and to honorary membership in 1953, led off the discussion. He was joined by Alfred P. S. Bellis (who became a member in 1930) and Sackett Dickinson (who joined in 1932).

In preparation for the meeting, Mr. Hughes had written to Henry McBride, the only surviving Founding Member of The Symposium asking for his recollections of the early days of the organization. McBride, who was 94 at the time, wrote back as follows:

February 25, 1955, 17 West 54 Street, New York City

Dear Mr. Hughes:

It is always dangerous to consult an elderly person's memory and I know you will have a low opinion of me when I tell you that all I recall with vividness from The Symposium meetings of years ago relates to the fabulously good supper parties that occurred after them. No doubt we were wise and witty but what I remember most clearly are the marvelous roast stuffed squabs that came over one midnight from the kitchen of Mrs. May Bell, Mr. Freddie Clark's mother-in-law, who lived on State Street just across the way. I have met nothing like them since and it's for that reason I always think of Trenton as rivaling Dijon France in matters gustatory.

With my best wishes, sincerely yours,

Henry McBride

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<sup>75</sup> Minutes of the meeting of January 4, 1956.

Strangely, it wasn't until the meeting of February, 1958 (twenty-five meetings after the actual 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary date) that President Carlton W. Tillinghast asked "that the history of The Symposium be brought up to the year 1954, which would complete the first 50 years of The Symposium. Alfred P.S. Bellis was asked to give Mr. Howard Hughes assistance in preparing the data required."<sup>76</sup> At the meeting in December of that year, the "committee preparing The Symposium History" was asked to report on their progress.<sup>77</sup> However no report is recorded in the minutes and, as far as one can tell from the records, no 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary history was ever written.

The chronic problem of attendance at meetings continued to plague the organization. At the March, 1959 meeting, President J. Lewis Unsworth asked for a report from Dr. Roscoe West, chairman of the Membership Committee, of the members of The Symposium who do not attend meetings regularly. Dr. West's committee recommended that some of these members be made Honorary Members and suggested an addition to the Constitution of The Symposium under Article II – Name and Membership, to be designated Section 3:

*Section 3. Membership in The Symposium shall cease upon failure of a member to attend eight consecutive meetings, except when the Membership Committee, upon prompt review, recommends that an exception be made, due to unusual circumstances*

*Section 4. In addition to the fifty members specified in Section 1, Honorary Members may be elected. To be eligible for Honorary Membership, a person shall be sixty years of age and shall have been a member of The Symposium for ten years. Honorary Members shall be recommended by the Membership Committee and approved by the Society. Honorary Members shall be relieved from payment of dues.*

These amendments were adopted at the meeting of 5/1/1959<sup>78</sup>

On November 24<sup>th</sup> of that year a letter was sent by Leon Slack, the Secretary/Treasurer to George Arnett, John Brooks, Edward. Carter, Lloyd McCorkle, Samuel Mountford, Arthur Stryker and Zephaniah West stating: "I have been instructed to bring this [non-attendance] to your attention and, if you cannot or do not want to attend the meetings in the future, ask that you resign from the Club so that some new members may be admitted to reactivate it before it is too late."<sup>79</sup>

This rather drastic move had some effect. Messrs. Carter, Stryker and West resigned immediately, but Arnett and Brooks ignored the warning and were dropped from membership in 1961 and 1960 respectfully. Both McCorkle and Mountford resumed attending meetings and remained in good standing.

Finances, too, were a continuing concern. At the October, 1962 meeting, it was announced that the Trenton Country Club had raised the price of the dinners served prior to the meetings from \$3.50 to \$4.00. The Symposium had been subsidizing the dinners to the extent of \$.50 per member per month for some time. A motion was introduced and

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<sup>76</sup> Minutes of the meeting of February 5, 1958

<sup>77</sup> Minutes of the meeting of December 3, 1958

<sup>78</sup> Minutes of the meeting of May 1, 1959

<sup>79</sup> Letter from Roscoe West dated November 24, 1959

passed “to continue the price to members of \$3.00, the club to absorb the difference of \$1.00 per dinner.” The annual dues remained at \$10.<sup>80</sup>

It is not clear when the practice of paying an honorarium to speakers began, but the minutes of December, 1963 contain the last mention of such payments. The 1964 Financial Report contains a line item labeled “Expenses and Gifts for Speakers” which apparently took the place of honoraria payments.<sup>81</sup>

In May of 1964, as The Symposium approached its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Charles E. Lucey, editor of the Trenton Times, wrote an article about the organization in his “Editor’s Notebook” column:<sup>82</sup>

A group called The Symposium was founded in Trenton 60 years ago this year and if there is a more interesting organization in this Delaware Valley, I am unaware of it.

There are, of course, many kinds of clubs. There are luncheon clubs where men of good heart sponsor worthy civic projects and listen to speakers who carry a message. There are the clubs of the rich and well-born (exclusive, well-stocked are the usual adjectives) where men of local empire foregather. There are fraternal clubs where one must know grip and password to get to the bar.

But The Symposium is none of these. It is a club of scholarship and intellectual inquiry, of men who have traveled and studied, of men sensitive to literature and the arts and science and culture. It might be compared with Washington’s famed Cosmos Club, or with the Explorers in New York. Its affairs cannot be measured in the marketplace. You never read of it in the papers.

In fact, this may be the only time, and almost certainly is only the second or third time, that the organization has been mentioned at all publicly in decades. One distinguished member, Howard L. Hughes, the former librarian, doubts The Symposium has had public attention since it was addressed by Major General George W. Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama Canal. That was on January 8, 1917.<sup>83</sup> There is no telling what havoc may be wrought by the instant modest dispatch.

When The Symposium was brought together in 1904, its aim was “to provide an opportunity for social intercourse to its own members, and

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<sup>80</sup> Minutes of the meeting of October 3, 1962

<sup>81</sup> Minutes of the meeting of December 4, 1963 and 1964 Annual Financial Report appended to Minutes of meeting of January 6, 1965

<sup>82</sup> The Times of Trenton, May 10, 1964, page B-3

<sup>83</sup> See pages 12 and 13 of this report.

incidentally, and as a by-product, to promote their edification by an exchange of views on the topic under discussion.”<sup>84</sup>

Talking with Mr. Hughes and the current president, Raymond A. Schroth, I learned of the truly astonishing range and scope of subjects which have had scholarly dissection before the group over the years. Most members present a learned paper to The Symposium, and in the earlier days many members presented more than one. James Kerney, editor and publisher of The Times for many years, made at least two talks – one in 1919 on his wartime experiences in France; one in 1923 on “the Liberal Press – A Constructive Force in America.”

But whether members or guests were speakers, The Symposium was not a group to raise loud huzzah or raucous cheer. Librarian Hughes recalls an earlier day:

“When I was making the first minutes, I learned that we never praised members when they gave a paper – we merely reported a member had spoken. Later an outside speaker might get a mild commendation – the organization seemed to be getting a little bit radical – throwing words of praise around.”

The first two Symposium subjects dealt with matters which, 60 years later, still have a certain currency – “Divorce” and “The Negro Problem.” Dr. Hamilton Schuyler of Trinity Church dealt with “Romanism and American Institutions.” Dr. Henry Colin Minton of First Presbyterian Church spoke on Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

In 1906 Frederick H. Clark was speaking on “The Indifference of Americans to Art,” and President Hugh H. Hamill of Trenton Trust and Safe Deposit on seismic disturbances. William Cloke of the New York Herald dealt with journalistic ethics; Lawson Purdon on the single tax. Dr. William Libbey of Princeton, a frequent Symposium speaker, spoke on the Panama Canal, on astronomical climate, on “A Glimpse of Spain” and “Modern Archaeology and the Hexateuch.” John J. Cleary of The Times spoke in 1913 on “New Journalism” and Dr. Henry A. Cotton on “Criminal Responsibility of the Insane.”

There was history in Col. John Schoonover’s “Some Untold Happenings in the Campaign at Appomattox.” There were recurring discussions of aspects of the peace movement, of education, art, religion, psychology, government, politics, science, America’s interest in the Irish

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<sup>84</sup> No source is provided in the newspaper article for this quote, but the attentive reader will recall that the Reverend Hamilton Schuyler wrote these words in the “Decennial Book” published in 1915.

Question – the last by The Times’ John Cleary – all of these occupied Symposium members.

And so it goes, in a grand tradition, these 60 years later. The same catholicity of subject marks the recent papers. Dr. Richard T. Beck spoke on Trenton’s schools; George T. Borton on Brazil; Virgil Kauffman on world exploration; Dr. Rose P. Kandle on the Soviet Union and the health of its people; Dr. Kenneth W. Prescott on the new state museum and cultural center; George Rentoumis on “Down the Colorado in a Canoe.”

There have been many great nights at The Symposium. Year-end dinners once were all black-tie. There were early meetings in members’ home – the homes of Col. Washington A. Roebling and Dr. James M. Green among them. Mr. Hughes remembers a time when Ralph Isham came with some of Boswell’s papers, including a letter Boswell wrote from Paris after spending an evening with Voltaire.

The tide veers as the winds change, But the Symposium stands firm after three-score proud years.

At the meeting in October, 1964 (the first after the publication of the article), a copy of it was distributed to each member present and ordered mailed to the members absent.

A break in routine occurred when the attendees at the meeting of December 6, 1966 were invited to be guests of the Helene Fuld Institute in Pennington for cocktails and dinner and to hear a talk by William B. Meytrott titled “Green Medicine.”<sup>85</sup> Another break in tradition occurred just 6 meetings later on October 4, 1967 when “After some discussion, the club decided that the names of those present at previous meetings need not be read from the minutes although they should be recorded in the minutes. In the reading of the minutes, in the future, the secretary should merely say how many were present.”<sup>86</sup> This practice continued until the meeting of November 4, 1970, the minutes of which were the first not to include the names of the members present.<sup>87</sup> The minutes are silent on the reason for these changes.

At the meeting of the group in November, 1967, Dr. Paul Reisinger, speaking for the Program Committee, proposed that the meeting on January 3, 1968 be a black-tie party and that a commemorative photograph be taken. The motion was seconded by Edward Robinson. “After some discussion, the motion was carried with one dissenting voice.”<sup>88</sup> At the January meeting, this picture was taken:

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<sup>85</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 12/4/1966

<sup>86</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 10/4/1967

<sup>87</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 11/4/1970

<sup>88</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 11/1/1967



Front Row: Neil G. Greensides, John A. Williams, Herbert B. Butcher (Secretary/Treasurer), J. Stuart Hill, Ernst C. Winther, Rauland P. Smith, Edward D. Parsons, Leon W. Slack, Raymond L. Steen, Sr., John Belli

Back Row: Dr. Fred B. Rogers, Francis Overton, James H. Rendall, Jr., Meredith E. Johnson, Leonard Lynch, Joseph Volk, J. Douglas Ekins, Edmund L. Robinson, William H. Hill, Adolph Harvitt, W.J.B. Stokes II (President), Paul Plough (Vice President), Carlton W. Tillinghast, Uno Malmstrom, Dr. George N. J. Sommer, Jr., William S. Borden, Sr., Donald B. Rice, Dr. Paul B. Reisinger, Dr. John Morgan

Photographer: Donald White

At the April meeting in 1968, President Stokes presented the opportunity of changing the meeting place to the Trenton Club as a possibility. The reasons given dealt with the rapidly rising cost of the pre-meeting dinner (which had risen to \$6.00 of which the members paid \$4.50 and the club subsidized \$1.50) and the added facilities that would be available. Several members gave their views on the subject and it was decided not to change the place of meeting for now, but to further consider the matter in the fall.<sup>89</sup> At the May meeting, further discussion of this matter took place and it was decided to poll the members on the subject.<sup>90</sup>

After still more discussion at subsequent meetings, the meeting place was changed, in March 1969, from the Trenton Country Club, where the group had been meeting for nearly 37 years (since November, 1932), to the Trenton Club at 479 West State Street. The announcement of the March meeting, dated 2/24/1969, read as follows:

<sup>89</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 4/3/1968

<sup>90</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 5/1/1968

“Please note the new meeting place which is a change made by your officers to meet a financial emergency. It will, nevertheless, be necessary for us to collect \$5.50 for this dinner meeting, which is less than would be required otherwise. Moreover, at the Trenton Club, we are assured of an open bar and unbeckoned hospitality.”<sup>91</sup>

The minutes of the meeting reported that “The Symposium met on this Wednesday evening at the Trenton Club, 479 West State Street for the first time and dined on Cornish hens.”<sup>92</sup> The Trenton Club was to remain the venue for the meetings for the rest of the club’s first century (36 years and counting).

In November of the same year, a tradition of a member sponsoring a “cheese table” available to the members as they assembled prior to dinner was introduced. At each meeting, the name of the member sponsoring the table was announced. This practice continued for nearly a year, until October, 1970. In the minutes of that meeting, after crediting the name of the member sponsoring the “cheese table,” it was announced that hereafter the club would foot the bill. Also at that meeting, “President Enos Wetzel announced that we would have to pay \$6 hereafter for the dinner which would come closer to meeting our costs.”<sup>93</sup>

Meanwhile, at the January, 1969 meeting, Enos Wetzel, reporting for the Nominating Committee, proposed that the President and other officers of the club should be elected in May to take office in the Fall and then recommended that the present officers serve until May of this year. The reason for this was to bring the terms of office into conjunction with the meeting schedule – with this change, newly elected officers would take office in October (on the occasion of the first meeting following the Summer recess, and serve until May (the last meeting of the season).

The change required an amendment to the Constitution of the club and Edmund Robinson and the Secretary were appointed to formulate an amendment for presentation at the next meeting.<sup>94</sup>

Another constitutional change proposed at the meeting was a modification of the requirements for Honorary membership status. The current requirements were that a member had to be at least sixty years old and have been a member of The Symposium for at least ten years. Honorary members were relieved from payment of dues, but no mention was made of the power to vote and attend meetings. The proposed change read as follows:

A member of more than 10 years, whose health or age makes attendance at meetings infrequent, upon recommendation of the Membership Committee, may be elected an HONORARY MEMBER by a two-thirds majority of the members attending a regular meeting. Honorary members will pay no dues, will not vote, but are urged to attend meetings. The vacancy created when a member is made an Honorary Member is then available to a newly elected member.<sup>95</sup>

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<sup>91</sup> Announcement of the meeting of 3/5/1969 dated 2/24/1969

<sup>92</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 3/5/1969

<sup>93</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 10/7/1970

<sup>94</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 1/8/1969

<sup>95</sup> Ibid.

These amendments were discussed at the February meeting and at the meeting of April 2 1969, the following two amendments were adopted:<sup>96</sup>

*Article II, Section 4. A member of more than 10 years, whose health or age makes attendance at meetings infrequent, upon recommendation of the Membership Committee, may be elected an HONORARY MEMBER by a two-thirds majority of the members attending a regular meeting. Honorary members will pay no dues, will not vote, but are urged to attend meetings. The vacancy created when a member is made an Honorary Member is then available to a newly elected member*

*Article III. Section 1. The officers of the club shall be a President, Vice President and a Secretary/Treasurer, each to be chosen by ballot at the May meeting from among the candidates nominated at the April meeting. The officers shall serve for one year beginning with the October meeting or until a successor is elected.*

Herbert B. Butcher was elected Secretary/Treasurer in the first election to be held at the May meeting and took office in October of 1969. His tenure in that office (which extended to May of 1980) produced some very interesting and entertaining meeting announcements. No Secretary/Treasurer before or since incorporated so many literary allusions, so much flowery language and so much humor into their announcements. For example, his announcement of the meeting on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> on the topic "Estate Planning."<sup>97</sup>

Now, in arranging the programs, we have got down to fundamentals in this one, to the real foundation of enlightened self-interest, to the management of the future and to a search for the superlatively happy combination of fortuitous circumstances. Our heads are teeming with scheming. I know you believe you understand what you think I mean, but I am not sure you realize that what you suppose to be the meaning may not be what I intended to convey.

"Write me your thought on this subject,

or

Just send me the enclosed card registering your honorable intentions for dinner on April 2. This is intended to be an all-member plebiscite.

Or this one, regarding the meeting of April 6, 1977. The speaker was Tony Vega and the topic "The Tall Ships: Operation Sail."<sup>98</sup>

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<sup>96</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 4/2/1969

<sup>97</sup> Announcement of the meeting of April 2, 1975 dated March 25, 1975

<sup>98</sup> Announcement of the meeting of April 6, 1977 dated March 27, 1977

Gentlemen of The Symposium:

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,  
And all I ask is a tall ship and star to steer her by,  
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sails shaking,  
A gray mist on the sea's face and a gray dawn breaking.

This verse introduces the subject of our next meeting on Wednesday, April 6, at the Trenton Club at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Tony Vega will tell us about his three days with and amongst the tall ships in New York harbor last July. His narrative will be illustrated.

Come along from Sandy Hook up the Hudson to this colorful voyage along the gull's way and the wind's way under the white clouds, then you can go home to a quiet sleep when the deck watch is over. I hope the words of the poet John Masefield will inspire you to attend. Please sign on for the picturesque voyage, refreshments included, on the enclosed card and mail it before your shore leave expires. Glad to have you aboard.

In December, 1970, President Enos Wetzel appointed a special committee to review the affairs of the club, the financial status of which was in very poor shape. The committee consisted of the present club officers (Wetzel, Leonard Lynch and Herbert Butcher), the two immediate past presidents, Jack Stokes and Robert Backes, and two members-at-large, Shelly Acuff and John Belli.<sup>99</sup>

The deliberations of this group resulted in an historic decision: at the meeting of February, 1970, an amendment to the constitution was adopted that raised the dues from \$10 a year to \$20 a year. The attentive reader will recall that the dues had been previously raised from \$10 to \$15 in January, 1942 (at that time the cost of dinner was included in the dues). Then, a year later, they were reduced to \$10 again as a policy of having members pay separately for dinner was adopted. Thus, it wasn't until the 65<sup>th</sup> year of The Symposium that the dues permanently reached \$20 a year.

Two other events of significance in the history of The Symposium occurred during the early 1970's. In May of 1972, attendance at a meeting reached 40 for the first time. The attraction was club member Virgil Kauffman's presentation entitled "Film of The Discovery of Captain Cook's Cannon."<sup>100</sup> And, in March of 1975, quoting from the minutes, "The question of whether or not to have ladies invited to our meeting was again presented. After pondering the suggestion, it was carried in the negative – quite positively."<sup>101</sup>

The 20-year period covered by this section of the history saw a very large turnover in membership. Sixteen members died – including Howard L. Hughes in 1966 after 51 years as a member and Henry M. Hartman in 1974 after 53 years of membership – and 47 resigned their membership, while 65 new members were admitted.

Among the new members were Carlton Tillinghast, Executive Director of the NJ Taxpayers Association, Edmund Goodrich, Editor of the Trentonian, Virgil Kauffman,

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<sup>99</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 12/2/1970

<sup>100</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 5/3/1972

<sup>101</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 3/5/1975

President of Aero Services Corporation, Raymond Steen, President of the Broad Street National Bank, Clayton Brower, President of Trenton State College, Sidney Goldman, Librarian of the State of New Jersey and Vincent Hoyer, President of New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company along with current members John Belli, Charles Stokes, III and John Wood.

Total membership during the period ranged from 51 to 55 (including honorary members) and attendance at meetings ranged from 37% to 62% with an average attendance of 47% for the entire period.<sup>102</sup>

Only 28% percent of the papers presented during the two decades covered here were by members. The most popular subject areas for programs were World Affairs (19), Travel (17), Technology (15), Education (14) and Local Affairs (13). Topics discussed ranged from “Violin Construction,” “Glass Paperweights” and “Coins” to “Desegregation,” “Nuclear Energy and Its Peacetime Applications in New Jersey” and “The Role of the Private School in American Education.”<sup>103</sup>

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<sup>102</sup> See Appendix 2 – Membership Data

<sup>103</sup> For more information, see Appendix 1 – Program Subjects and Appendix 6 - Programs

## Finance and Membership Issues – 1975 - 1990

The beginning of the seventh decade of The Symposium coincided with the peak of the Watergate scandal, the knighting of Charlie Chaplin by Queen Elizabeth II, the assassination of King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, the re-opening of the Suez Canal following the end of the Six-Day War, and the birth of Angelina Jolie.

It also coincided with an era of wrestling with problems of membership and finance facing the club. These two issues were closely related, since more members would mean more revenue in the form of dues.

Costs associated with the meetings (mainly subsidization of the cost of the dinners, now amounting to \$2.50 per meal) were rising rapidly. In October of 1975, President James Rendall announced that the Trenton Club had raised the price of dinner to \$9.00. A motion was made and accepted "to hereafter collect \$8 from those attending the meetings and subsidize \$1.00 from the treasury."<sup>104</sup> This reduction in the size of the subsidy, coupled with the dues increase that had taken place several years earlier, temporarily addressed the situation.

But it did not go away entirely. The minutes of the meeting of November 1, 1978 contain the following statement: "The subject of the cost of the dinner in these inflationary times was discussed. The Trenton Club has been hospitable to us and should not be expected to continue to serve us unless we pay our full share. The advantages of meeting at the Trenton Club were expressed. On the other hand, we were assured that the Club will continue to serve us practically at cost but that may be somewhat more than we have been paying."<sup>105</sup> This problem was exacerbated by the fact that, between 1975 and 1978, the active membership fell from 50 to 44, thus seriously reducing dues income.

In January of 1979, Herbert Moore suggested that The Symposium consider increasing the membership limitation to include more members, perhaps twenty-five additional. The idea was given considerable discussion. President Arnold Pierce pointed out that the proposal for a constitutional change, which was under discussion, should be the subject of a membership canvas.<sup>106</sup> At the March meeting, President Pierce reported a 70% response to the question of extending the membership limit and stated, "Individuals expressed themselves freely on the subject and offered alternatives but, on the whole, agreed to remain as we are."<sup>107</sup>

In October, 1979, The Trenton Club raised the price of dinners to \$12. However, at the meeting of November, 1979, "By general approval, it was decided that \$9 would be collected for the dinners hereafter and the rest of the cost should be born by The Symposium treasury."<sup>108</sup> Thus, the organization was back in the subsidy business in a major way. This decision would mean that the organization would subsidize each member's dinners to the amount of \$24 a year (assuming perfect attendance at eight meetings) out of a dues structure that produced only \$20 per member per year. Anyone who carefully thought this through would come to the inevitable conclusion that the

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<sup>104</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 10/1/1975

<sup>105</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 11/1/1978

<sup>106</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 1/3/1979

<sup>107</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 3/7/1979

<sup>108</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 11/7/1979

treasury would obviously be better off if fewer members attended the meetings – less subsidy would be required.

Between November, 1979 and April, 1980, Dr. Paul Reisinger, on three separate occasions, recommended an increase in the authorized size of the membership, which would have created additional income in the form of dues.<sup>109</sup> However, on each occasion he was rebuffed. Arnold Pierce, the immediate Past President, stated that he did not think that a larger club would necessarily be a better club and offered the counter-suggestion that two non-attending members (unnamed in the minutes) be given honorary status and two others (also unnamed) be polled about the continuing interest in remaining members.<sup>110</sup> In November 1980, President Wilson Sturdevant sent the following letter to all the members:

“We are confronted with a problem which is very disturbing to your officers and, I am sure, to many of you – poor attendance.

“It does not seem unreasonable to expect that at least 75% of our 50 active members would attend each of our eight monthly meetings. Symposium exists only to provide fellowship and education to its members. We always have a waiting list of men anxious to join and attend our meetings and wait twelve to eighteen months for the privilege. At the same time our attendance averages less than 60%. In addition, we have the further problem of no-shows. For example, at the November meeting seven men who returned cards with a “Yes” did not attend.

“The only attendance requirement of Symposium is the By-Law which states automatic termination for a member missing eight consecutive meetings. Obviously the founders rightfully assumed that the very purpose of Symposium would support a high degree of attendance since membership is of no value to the non-attender.”<sup>111</sup>

By October 1981, it had become clear that The Symposium could no longer continue subsidizing members' dinners. When the Trenton Club again raised the price of the dinners, this time to \$13, President Anthony J. Larrecq “very courageously ‘bit the bullet’ by announcing that due to the sad condition of the treasury, due of course to inflation, for the balance of the calendar year we could cease subsidizing our dinners and directed the treasurer to collect \$13 from the members for dinner. He further stated that in December we would again survey our expenses and income to determine whether we would have to raise our dues.”<sup>112</sup>

Then, in an effort to ease the present budget crisis, [it was] moved that all current members be assessed \$5 and that those present make payment at this meeting. The motion was passed without a negative vote.<sup>113</sup>

The minutes of the meeting of February 3, 1982 report a “Constitutional Amendment adopted by voice vote” allowing future changes to the dues structure to be

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<sup>109</sup> Minutes of the meetings of 11/5/1979, 2/6/1980 and 4/2/1980

<sup>110</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 3/5/1980

<sup>111</sup> Letter to the membership dated 11/19/1980

<sup>112</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 10/7/1981

<sup>113</sup> Ibid.

made without future amendments to the Constitution,<sup>114</sup> but previous minutes contain no record of a discussion of this amendment; neither is the specific language of the amendment recorded. Furthermore, in December of 1982, the minutes record an amendment raising the dues to \$30 and adding the language “until changed by the membership.”<sup>115</sup>

At the end of the meeting year in May, 1982, at the request of President Larrecq, Paul Burr, the Secretary/Treasurer presented the following statistics on the attendance by members during 1981-82:

- 23 members were absent 4 or more meetings
- 11 were absent 5 or more meetings
- 8 were absent 6 or more meetings
- 2 were absent 7 meetings

The survey also showed:

- There were a total of 226 attendances by members
- Who each paid \$13 for dinner, a total of \$2938
- The average attendance per meeting was 28.25
- We paid \$3107 to the Trenton Club for dinners for members and speakers

The minutes went on to state, “If dues were raised to \$100 per year with no charge for meals and the membership stayed at 50, then \$5000 should be adequate to defray all our costs.”<sup>116</sup>

Discussion ensued with both pro and con comments on the proposal to raise dues to \$100 per year, to include the price of dinner. Among other proposals suggested as alternatives were to raise the limit of active members to 60 or to make it mandatory that those with less than 60% attendance be dropped. It was finally moved, seconded and passed that a letter be sent to the membership outlining the problem asking for a vote on: “Shall the dues be increased to \$100 with dinners at no cost?” Note: \$30 of this amount has been paid for 1982-83. The vote on this proposal would be by the enclosed card to be returned to the Secretary/Treasurer indicating each individual member’s wish.”<sup>117</sup>

The next meeting was in October, 1982 and it was a momentous one. Paul Burr, the Secretary/Treasurer, announced that following a secret ballot conducted by mail it was recommended by 30 (according to the minutes)<sup>118</sup> or 31 (according to a letter from the Secretary/Treasurer to the membership)<sup>119</sup> affirmative votes to 12 negative votes that the dues be increased to \$100 per year commencing January 1, 1983 and that such dues cover the 1983 calendar year.

Also at that meeting, after assuming the chair, President Robert Murto reminded the members of the report on non-attendance at meetings which was presented at the

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<sup>114</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 2/3/1982

<sup>115</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 12/1/1982

<sup>116</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 5/5/1982

<sup>117</sup> *Ibid.* As an aside, it is interesting to note that if the current state of affairs (\$20 annual dues and \$13 per dinner) had been maintained, it would cost a member with perfect attendance \$124 a year as contrasted to this proposal which would cost him only \$100 per year.

<sup>118</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 10/6/1982

<sup>119</sup> Letter to the membership dated 10/8/1982

last meeting held the previous May. It was obvious early on that one of the principal concerns of the group is the relatively low attendance at the meetings. It had been at times an embarrassment since the quality and importance of the speaker warrants a good attendance. It was pointed out that 21 of the 50 members attended three or fewer meetings during the past year.

The general feeling was that raising and requiring prepaid dues from all members should improve attendance. Dr. Reisinger pointed out that it could be expected that there would be at least five resignations because of the increased dues. Therefore, he renewed his recommendation of several years previous that the membership be increased.

It was quickly noted, however, that in order to do this a change in the Constitution was necessary and that a notice would have to be given at least two consecutive meetings before such change could take place. Dr. Kembel Widmer expressed what appeared to be the feeling of many when he said it was an honor to be a member of The Symposium but he agreed that an attendance of 20 to 25 persons is not enough when a speaker of the caliber which we seek is before us.

Two approaches were recommended: (1) that the authorized number of members be increased; (2) that consideration be given to decreasing the number of missed meetings as a requisite for continued membership.

A. J. Larrecq proposed a compromise, to wit: raise the authorized membership to 55. Since there may be some resignations, the infusion of five to ten new members, and thus new ideas, minds and backgrounds, would be reasonable and ample to assume during the next year. Ed Robinson recommended that the eight-consecutive-absence provision be dropped to six.

After further discussion two proposed amendments to the Constitution were adopted:

1. A.J. Larrecq moved that membership be increased from 50 to 55. There were several seconds and virtually unanimous approval by a show of hands.
2. Judge Sidney Goldman moved that membership in The Symposium shall cease upon failure of a member to attend four meetings in any calendar year. The motion was seconded by Edmund Robinson and on a show of hands vote, all members voted yes except one which was a no.<sup>120</sup>

At the December meeting, both amendments to the Constitution were adopted.

#### *Article II. Name and Membership.*

*Section 1. This organization shall be known as The Symposium, and shall consist of not more than ~~fifty~~ fifty-five members, who shall be citizens or residents of Burlington, Hunterdon or Mercer County in New Jersey or Bucks County in Pennsylvania.*

*Section 3. Membership in The Symposium shall cease upon failure of a member to attend ~~eight consecutive meetings~~ four sessions in any calendar year, except when the Membership Committee, upon prompt review, recommends that an exception be made, due to unusual circumstances.*

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<sup>120</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 10/6/1982

The first was voted for unanimously and the latter adopted by a vote of 36 to 1.<sup>121</sup>

After this flurry of activity, things quieted down for a while. It wasn't until three years later, in November, 1985, that Ed Whelan made a motion to raise the dues to \$130 per year, effective in January 1986, to cover an increase in dinner costs. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.<sup>122</sup> However at the next meeting a member who was not present when the vote was taken opened further discussion regarding the dues increase. Some members expressed concern that the increase of \$30.00 in the annual dues would "increase the amount in the treasury unnecessarily."<sup>123</sup> A cursory examination of the annual Financial Reports for 1986 and 1987 indicates that this was not the case. A year later, in December, 1986, in reply to an inquiry from the floor, President David Pierce noted that it was not thought advisable to reduce dues for 1987, but that "we expect to hold to our present dues level for at least a couple of years."<sup>124</sup>

He was uncannily correct. Two years later, in December 1988, another dues increase – to \$140 – took place (although there is no mention of it in the minutes – the only evidence is in the record book of the Secretary/Treasurer).

Meanwhile costs continued to rise. From \$13.75 in 1982, the charge per meal by the Trenton Club rose to \$15.00 in April, 1985, \$17.50 in March, 1988, \$20.00 in February, 1989, \$24 in November, 1989 and \$25.00 in February, 1990.<sup>125</sup> In light of this, dues were increased again in November 1989, this time to \$160.<sup>126</sup>

This chapter in the history of The Symposium has so far focused on issues of membership, attendance and finances. These, of course, were important, but the intellectual and social purposes of the group were scarcely affected by them.

When announcing that William G. Bowen, president of Princeton University, would address the May 5, 1976, Symposium president James H. Rendall pointed out that "Our society has been addressed more than fifty times by Princeton professors but this is the first scheduled address by the incumbent President. Harold Dodds addressed us twice before he became Princeton's President (in 1930 and 1933) and seven Presidents of other institutions of higher learning have served us as speakers."<sup>127</sup>

On October 6, 1976, The tradition of memorializing deceased members in the minutes with a eulogy and sending a copy thereof to a survivor, mentioned on pages 20 and 21 above, ended. Donald B. Rice, a member since 1937, Vice President in 1945 and President in 1946, who died on June 8th got only "a standing silent prayer for him and his long life."<sup>128</sup>

Although the minutes do not mention the fact, Mary Ann Bartusis, MD was the first woman to address The Symposium. She was the wife of Symposium member Donald Bartusis and was the guest speaker at the meeting of January 3, 1979. However, her talk which presented the contents of her book, "Every Other Man," dealt with male impotence and garnished a few verbal winks in the minutes.<sup>129</sup>

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<sup>121</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 12/1/1982

<sup>122</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 11/6/1985

<sup>123</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 12/4/1985

<sup>124</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 12/3/1986

<sup>125</sup> Annual Financial Reports for the several years

<sup>126</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 11/1/1989

<sup>127</sup> Meeting announcement dated 4/21/1976

<sup>128</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 10/6/1976

<sup>129</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 1/3/1979

In October of that year, George N. J. Sommer, Jr. MD was elected president of the organization. Fifty-four years earlier, in 1925, his father George N. J. Sommer, MD, had been elected to the same office.<sup>130</sup>

In November of 1980 one tradition ended and another began. Since April, 1946 – 34 years and 268 meetings – dinner at the meetings of The Symposium had begun at 6:30. At the November, 1980 meeting President Wilson Sturdevandt raised the question of the desirability of starting our meetings at 6 o'clock instead of 6:30. Although no discussion is recorded in the minutes, Dr. Paul Reisinger so moved and Edward Walton seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously, to begin with the December meeting.<sup>131</sup>

At the following meeting, in December, President Sturdevandt reported on plans to update the pamphlet containing our Constitution, lists of Officers and a roster of members for reprinting and distribution to our members. The last printing was in 1973.<sup>132</sup> In March of 1985, David Pierce, chairman of the Membership Committee, renewed this request, proposing that a copy of the Constitution and a list of the membership, with addresses and phone numbers when available, be provided to the members each year.<sup>133</sup> In May of 1986, the minutes contain the following statement: "The secretary will update our booklet during the summer hiatus. A separate list containing names and addresses will be prepared."<sup>134</sup> In all three cases, a small pamphlet containing a copy of the current Constitution and a list of officers was produced, but in no case were the addresses and telephone numbers of the members distributed. The reasons for this are not clear. Perhaps the membership was perceived to be opposed to publicizing their addresses and phone numbers. Perhaps the cost of printing the list was considered excessive. Perhaps it was just another case of lack of follow-up and/or direction, which, as we have seen, occurred several times earlier in the history of the organization.

In March, 1982, Wilson Sturdevandt announced the acquisition by The Symposium of a beautiful and interesting scroll given as a memorial to the highly regarded Judge William Lanning. Judge Lanning was a charter member from 1904 until his death in 1912. He was the grandfather of William Lanning who was more recently a member. The scroll, which was found among Judge Lanning's records, was passed among the members. There followed a motion by Robert Backes and seconded by all the members that the memorial be properly framed and that effort be made by the officers to request that it be placed at some place within the Trenton Club public area so that it might be enjoyed and respected by many persons.<sup>135</sup> At the May meeting, the President reported to the membership that the scroll had been handsomely framed and hung in the dining room of the Trenton Club.<sup>136</sup>

The following year, at the March, 1983 meeting, Dr. Reisinger moved that a photograph of the members be taken at the May meeting. This met with interest and unanimous approval.

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<sup>130</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 10/3/1979

<sup>131</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 11/5/1980

<sup>132</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 12/3/1980

<sup>133</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 3/6/1985

<sup>134</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 5/7/1986 (*emphasis in the original*)

<sup>135</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 3/2/1982

<sup>136</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 5/5/1982

Members of The Symposium, May 4, 1983



Front Row: Herbert Moore, John Belli, Paul Burr, Adolph Harvitt, William Heefner, Robert Murto, Charles Bain. Edmund Robinson, Frederick Zoda, Anthony J. Larrecq

Middle Row (left): John Dilatush, Kenneth Atchley

Back Row: Henry Murphy, Leonard Lynch, Edward Swan, John Haverstick, Charles Stewart, Wilson Sturdevant, Paul Hartsfield, Merlin Smith, Paul Reisinger, George Brauning, William Hart, Carroll Moore, Kemble Widmer, William J. B. Stokes, III, Wellington Eler, Arnold Pierce

Despite the continuing concern, documented above, about attendance at meetings of The Symposium, there was occasional good news on the meeting attendance front. At the meeting of April 5, 1988, when Gerald M. Hansler spoke on "The Delaware River Basin Commission: Its Origins and the Delaware River," meeting attendance topped 50 for the first time in Symposium history.

The 15 years covered in this chapter were rich ones in terms of the subject matter presented for discussion at the meetings. Just prior to the merger of the New York Central and Pennsylvania Railroads to form Penn Central, John Pullam, District Court Judge for Eastern Pennsylvania spoke on the topic, "The Crisis in the Railroads of the Northeastern United States." Six months before its ratification by the Senate in 1978, Arnold Pierce, a Symposium member, presented "A Discussion of the Panama Canal Treaty" Other topics included "Duke Ellington and the Jazz Movement," "The Search for Energy at the Forrestal Campus," "The Diary of a Hessian Soldier" and "Afghan Resistance to Soviet Occupation."

Of the 122 presentations made during the period 1975 to 1990, only 24 (approximately 20%) were by members. Virgil Kauffman made four presentations, Lawrence Jacobsen made three, and seventeen other members made one each.

Twenty-eight members died during the 15-year period, including Lewis Link. He joined the organization in 1933 and, when he died in 1988, he held the record for the longest period of membership – 55 years. Twenty-five members resigned and 57 new members were added to the roles. Total membership, including honorary members, ranged from a low of 53 in 1980 to a high of 65 in 1987 and 1988, with an average membership for the period of just over 58.

Not only was the size of the membership at an all-time high, average attendance at meetings topped 56%, the highest of any of the periods covered in this report.

## Finishing up the Century – 1990 - 2004

Nineteen-Ninety doesn't seem so long ago. General Manuel Noriega surrendered power in Panama, a U.S. Appeals Court overturned Oliver North's Iran-contra conviction, Iraqi troops invaded Kuwait and seized petroleum reserves, setting off the Persian-Gulf War, Mikhail Sergeevich Gorbachev was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and Sammy Davis, Jr. died.

At The Symposium, participation and dues continued to be perceived as problems. In April, 1991, President John Whitehead gently chided the membership for the apparent lack of interest in participating in the affairs of The Symposium. This was precipitated by the fact that a complete slate of officers for consideration at the next meeting had not been obtained. He especially urged the newer members to share in the leadership responsibilities.<sup>137</sup>

And in December of that year the Treasurer, Frederick Gilman, recommended that the dues for 1992 be established at \$200 based on the financial report sent out with the meeting notice. It was moved, seconded and approved that the dues for 1992 be set at \$200 and be so reflected in the constitution.<sup>138</sup>

Meanwhile, thoughts were turning to memorializing the past. In March, 1991, President John Whitehead raised the topic, which had come up several times before, of how to document the wealth of material contained in the many presentations before the group, to some extent captured in the past minutes of the organization. Wilson Sturdevant described these minutes as "historical gems" that should at least be sent to the Trenton Public Library for safe keeping and possible future study. It was also suggested that selected minutes could be made available by Xeroxing. A. J. Larrecq noted that there may be some students interested in researching these minutes for history projects, and that we should contact Rider and Trenton State Colleges.<sup>139</sup>

Jack Sill indicated that he believed printing some of the minutes of past Symposium proceedings would be quite expensive. He suggested that the brief history presently included in the Membership and Bylaws book could be expanded to include some of these outstanding programs.<sup>140</sup>

The next mention of this project is found in the minutes of the meeting of October, 1992 (18 months later). At that meeting, Jack Sill reported that a committee consisting of himself, Ed Swann and Fred Gillman would meet to review the old minutes and documents in our files and propose a plan to summarize and consolidate this material in some fashion to preserve the history of The Symposium.<sup>141</sup> After another year had passed, Fred Gilman, at the October meeting in 1993, reported that a committee was working on the history of The Symposium, sifting through 90 years of old minutes. Jack Sill, the chairman of the committee, advised that a student will be putting the minutes on word processing.<sup>142</sup> The resulting publication, "Ninety Years of The Symposium" was presented to the group at the October 5, 1994 meeting, but the

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<sup>137</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 4/3/1991

<sup>138</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 12/4/1991

<sup>139</sup> In fact, the minutes of the years prior to 1990 only occasionally contained full summaries of the presentations.

<sup>140</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 3/6/1991

<sup>141</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 10/7/1992

<sup>142</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 10/6/1993

minutes were never converted into electronic form.<sup>143</sup> "Ninety Years of The Symposium" contains a 2-page history of The Symposium, updating those published sporadically in the pamphlets mentioned on pages 47 and 48, a complete list of program topics and speakers and a list of officer and members through June, 1994 along with a copy of the then current Constitution.

In other action at the meeting of October, 1993, Jim Freda announced that the Commandant of Fort Dix has extended an invitation to members of The Symposium to attend a live fire demonstration including air support to be held October 16, 1993 beginning at 8:30 AM.<sup>144</sup> However, no further mention of this event is made in the minutes so we cannot determine at this late date whether the members took advantage of the opportunity.

It was apparently at the meeting of May 6, 1997 that a decision was made to separate the office of Secretary/Treasurer into two separate positions. George Pearson, who had held the office of Secretary/Treasurer for one year, remained Treasurer and James Johnson was appointed or elected Secretary, effective October, 1997. There is no mention of this action in the minutes of that meeting and no constitutional amendment was ever passed to authorize this change. The current Constitution contains no provision for the separation of the office into two.

In November, 1997 President Bob Applegate outlined a proposal for the purchase of sound equipment for use at Symposium meetings, "the cost of which (\$2,712) to be shared equally (\$1,356 each) by the Trenton Club and The Symposium."<sup>145</sup> Discussion included the bottom-line question: "Do we need it?" The President responded by saying that there had been a number of comments concerning difficulty in hearing. A consensus supported the need and the membership voted, with one negative vote, to authorize the purchase." At the following meeting, on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the new sound equipment was used for the first time.<sup>146</sup>

F. Glenn Breen, who had been a member of group since 1971, died on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1998. At the meeting in May, President Applegate called for a moment of silence, which was the usual acknowledgment of the passing of a member. However, in an unprecedented (and never again repeated) action, the membership voted unanimously positive on a motion to send a contribution of \$100 in his memory to the F. Glenn Breen Memorial Scholarship Fund.<sup>147</sup>

At the same meeting, a committee consisting of John Wood, chair; Jack Sill and Alfred Abbotts recommended that a gift of \$1000 each be made to the Trenton YWCA and YMCA. The membership voted to do this as a good will gesture to the Community.<sup>148</sup> At the next meeting, in October, 1998, the Secretary announced gifts by The Symposium of \$1000 to each of the YWCA and YMCA of Trenton.<sup>149</sup>

The minutes provide no explanation for this sudden burst of generosity on the part of the membership. The Treasurer's report of May 6<sup>th</sup> shows a balance of \$7,383 in the club's account and it is perhaps this relatively large balance of cash on hand that encouraged the actions. It should be noted however, that it was never repeated and, in

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<sup>143</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 10/5/1994

<sup>144</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 10/6/1993

<sup>145</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 11/5/1997

<sup>146</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 12/3/1997

<sup>147</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 5/6/1998

<sup>148</sup> Ibid.

<sup>149</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 10/7/1998

fact, was subsequently criticized by some members.

In December, 1998, President Bill Beitel introduced a proposal to increase The Symposium's membership limit from 55 to 60.<sup>150</sup> He proposed that it be announced for the second time at the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting for further discussion and e voted upon at the meeting of February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The motion for this schedule was approved by the members and, in February, 1999, the motion carried by voice vote, with 2 votes in opposition and no abstentions, effectively setting the Club membership cap at 60<sup>151</sup>

President Beitel announced, at the meeting of April 7, 1999, that Jake Nevius was retiring as Symposium Speaker Chair. He is quoted in the minutes as saying, "Jake has done a marvelous job in what is intrinsically the most demanding of Symposium Club responsibilities. We thank him profusely!"<sup>152</sup> Jake had, indeed, done a great job for a number of years. However, he should have had help. The Constitution requires the appointment by the President each year of a three-man Program Committee (as well as a three-man Membership Committee). For many years, these duties have devolved on volunteers and the Secretary/ Treasurer respectively rather than being carried out in the manner specified in the Constitution.

Apparently William Nester volunteered to take over the responsibility for identifying speakers for the group's meetings. During the summer of 1999, he wrote to the membership:

"The Symposium continues today because of the strength of fellowship among its members and the good quality of its programs. In order to continue interesting and good programs, the officers would like to know which individuals you would like to hear and what topics addressed.

"Please indicate on the reverse side of this letter suggested topics (issues) and potential speakers. Note whether you have head the speaker and best he/she can be contacted."

The invitation letter to the meeting of November, 1999 included a reminder to "Wear Your Name Tags." These reminders continued through 1999 and 2000, then abruptly ceased.

The minutes of October 4, 2000, report on a meeting filled with club business:<sup>153</sup>

- First, there is mention of an attempt "to bring our history up to date as it has been five years since the last update. This will be in addition to the Roster that we are accustomed to receiving. Jake Nevius is working on this update."
- Then there was a proposal by John Wood, the in-coming president, to increase dues by \$25. The current \$200 dues schedule had not been increased for eight years. Tom McMahon pointed out that monies were recently donated to a local charity and that charitable donations should not jeopardize the club treasury. The discussion of a dues increase was tabled for the next meeting.

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<sup>150</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 12/2/1998

<sup>151</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 2/3/1999

<sup>152</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 4/7/1999

<sup>153</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 10/4/2000

- There was also a proposal advanced that the first meeting be in September rather than October. John Wood made the membership aware that a constitutional amendment would need to be passed because the bylaws state there will only be 8 meetings per year. The proposal to change the constitution to allow for an additional meeting in September was defeated. A proposal for an additional meeting in June was also defeated.
- Finally, a proposal to invite wives or significant others to one meeting was rejected.

At the following meeting, in November, a motion to increase the dues from \$200 to \$225 was made by Frank Elliott and seconded by William Hart and the membership unanimously approved the increase.<sup>154</sup> There was a report, though the minutes are silent on who made it, that “the preparation of the history and roster is almost complete. The project will be placed on hold until the treasury is whole once more.”<sup>155</sup>

At the meeting of March 7, 2001, the activities of The Symposium took on an added dimension. Walter Bien announced preliminary plans for a Symposium field trip to the New Jersey Pine Barrens.<sup>156</sup> The plans were successful and at 8:00 AM on the morning of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, eleven members set out on the “First Annual Jersey Devil Field Trip.”

In April, 2002 came the announcement of the Second Annual Jersey Devil Field Trip. It was a canoe trip down Wading River.<sup>157</sup> It took place on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and, though not mentioned in the minutes, if my memory serves me, there was a report that at least one of the canoes turned over after the occupants became tangled in some low-hanging tree branches.

The third and, as it turned out, final field trip was to be another canoeing session. It was scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2003.<sup>158</sup> However, at the next meeting of the group, in October, it was announced that the trip had to be canceled due to inclement weather.<sup>159</sup>

The minutes of the April, 2001 meeting contain an interesting description of the role of the officers of The Symposium and provide an opportunity for some historical perspective. Here is the quote from the minutes:

“John Wood reviewed the role of officers and explained that by Constitution the secretary normally assumes the role of secretary and treasurer but for pragmatic reasons the vice president has assumed the role of treasurer.<sup>160</sup> There was a question from the floor in regard to the vice president also assuming the role of program committee chairman. It was clarified that the vice president does not necessarily assume the role of

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<sup>154</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 11/1/2000. A change in the dues structure requires a Constitutional amendment and an announcement of the proposed change at a meeting prior to the taking of the vote. Hence, this change in the dues from \$200 to \$225, while effective in practice, has never been memorialized in the Constitution.

<sup>155</sup> Ibid.

<sup>156</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 3/7/2001

<sup>157</sup> Ibid.

<sup>158</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 4/2/2003

<sup>159</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 10/1/2003

<sup>160</sup> According to the records, George Pearson was, in fact, both Vice President and Treasurer in the 2001-2002 club year

program committee chairman. After discussion it was also clarified that the program committee chairman does not follow the established order of officer progression.”<sup>161</sup>

In fact, as mentioned above, the offices of Secretary and Treasurer had already been separated, though unofficially. The position of program committee chairman has not, apparently, been explicitly filled since sometime in the mid-1960's (the last mention of the position in the minutes was on November 7, 1967). The Constitution requires the president to appoint two three-member committees (Program and Membership) upon his ascension to office, but the last time this activity was mentioned in the minutes was in January of 1967. There is some evidence in the minutes that the vice president did, indeed, serve in the role of a one-man program committee, at least during the late 1970's and early 1980's and thereafter the responsibility appears to have fallen on just one man – Jake Nevius. Furthermore, as we have seen, there has never in the history of The Symposium been an “established order of officer progression.”

Further evidence that the club was drifting away from close adherence to its Constitution comes in the minutes of the meeting of October 3, 2001, when it was pointed out that “there are 53 active members and 3 honorary members while the limit of membership is 65”<sup>162</sup> As we have seen, the Constitution limits the active membership to 60.

At the December meeting in 2001, it was reported that John Wood had published his second book of poems. Jack Sill recommended John as “poet in residence” and the recommendation was unanimously approved by the membership.

Due to another crisis in the finances of The Symposium, on May 5, 2004, “It was agreed by the members present (32) that George Pearson would send out invoices for membership dues over the summer and include a supplemental assessment for \$65, making this year's annual dues a total of \$290. The goal is to increase membership and bring dues back to the \$225 level by next year.”<sup>163</sup> In fact, one new member was added during the year.

On the eve of the centennial of The Symposium, an article celebrating the fact and entitled “Wanted: Good Company and Learned Discussion: The Symposium Fraternal Group marks 100th Year” appeared in the Trenton Times.<sup>164</sup>

A century ago, choices for an evening's amusement were limited. To fill the void, founders of The Symposium of Trenton gathered for the first time Dec. 14, 1904. The initial members were “fourteen men of vigorous intellectual interests and social tendencies” according to a history published in 1994. They hoped to create a regular evening of socializing and learned discussion.

Today's world offers a multitude of entertainment choices. But the continued existence of the club as it celebrates its 100th anniversary attests to the ongoing allure of good company and the chance to learn something new.

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<sup>161</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 4/4/2001

<sup>162</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 10/3/2001

<sup>163</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 5/5/2004

<sup>164</sup> Trenton Times, Saturday, November 20, 2004, Byline: Caroline Calogero

Dr. John Wood, a retired cardiologist and Symposium member for 28 years, explains he is drawn by "the collegial fellowship and the chance to listen to things outside your own discipline so you don't have tunnel vision."

Many members first attend as guests, as did Tom Sheridan, a neighbor of Wood's. Sheridan now serves as club secretary. He seconds the doctor's opinion that the monthly lectures are mentally stimulating. "You always come away with something," he says.

Symposium President William Sheehy, whose firm Sheehy Associates of Hamilton provides employee benefits and financial planning services, explains The Symposium was a learned society in its early days and it remains true to its roots. Sheehy, a past president of the Boys & Girls Club of Trenton/Mercer County and winner of Trenton Rotary's "Service Above Self" award in 2003, freely admits the focus of The Symposium is not service to others. It has "no socially redeeming value other than the entertainment of its members," he quips.

The group meets for dinner at The Trenton Club on the first Wednesday of the month. A speaker and a discussion period follow, providing members with a weighty topic to chew on after their meal is over. Members take a hiatus during the summer.

The 55 members have an easy camaraderie. Joseph Teti, president and CEO of Triangle Your Creative Center in Lawrence, is the group's immediate past president. He jokes about the members' ages, most tending well past their middle years, calling them "hyper-mature."

Thirty men attended a recent meeting. Although females are not precluded by the bylaws, The Symposium is and has been all male throughout its history. "The gender barrier has not been broken," says Sheehy, noting that it is not an impossibility in the future. Women have addressed the group as speakers, presenting lectures on topics as varied as Trenton's history and treatments for impotence.

Jake Nevius, of Newtown, Pa., whose surname may bring up memories of the now defunct Trenton department store, Nevius-Voorhees, once owned by his family, serves as the group's informal historian and is at work updating a history.

The membership role of The Symposium reads like a list of who's who in the Trenton area. Many participants are well versed in the city's history and lore and conversant about the family and business contributions of members and guest speakers.

Members include many past and current New Jersey notables such as Washington A. Roebling, whose company completed the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge; Rider University President Frank Elliott; Larry Rothwell, owner of Pennington Market; Charles Stokes III, former owner of the Home Rubber Co.; and Fran Leigh of Leigh Photo in Princeton. More than 800 individuals have addressed the group since its founding, an eclectic assortment of editors and educators, mayors and manufacturers, scientists, soldiers and sociologists. New Jersey governors James Florio and Richard J. Hughes, prior to his election, have given talks, as have Trenton mayors Arthur J. Holland and Douglas H. Palmer.

Speakers who addressed The Symposium in its early years included New Jersey Gov. Edward C. Stokes who discussed railroad taxation; Civil War colonel John Schoonover of the 11th New Jersey volunteers, who talked about his experiences at Appomattox; and George W. Goethals, the chief engineer of the Panama Canal who gave a slide-show presentation. Clifford M. Holland, for whom the Holland Tunnel is named, spoke in 1924 about building the tunnel under the Hudson River.

Changing conditions in Germany was a topic visited repeatedly during the 1930s and early '40s. Speakers during that time also addressed the pressing problems of the Great Depression era, including Prohibition and rampant unemployment.

After World War II, members absorbed discussions of the new world order including the reconstruction of former enemies, Japan and Germany. Speakers during the second half of the 20th century included Henry Chauncey, who gave the education world the SAT and founded ETS; William P. Howe, who delivered an illustrated account of an Arctic bear hunt; and George Gallup, who spoke about opinion polling. Last year, character actor Andy Waski came in full dress-blue regalia portraying Gen. George G. Meade. Waski discussed the military strategy of the victor of the Civil War battle of Gettysburg.

Sheehy confides The Symposium has no plans for an elaborate celebration of its centennial. Although the future may bring still more choices for entertainment, he expects the pleasure in indulging in "unfettered intellectual curiosity devoid of any other motives" will probably hold for at least another hundred years.

Some statistics about The Symposium's past are quite impressive. Four men were members for more than 50 years: Lewis Link, from 1933 to 1988, had the longest tenure as a member – 56 years. Roscoe L. West was a member for 54 years, from 1926 to 1979. Henry M. Hartmann (1922 to 1974) and Howard L. Hughes (1917 to 1966) are the other two. Six men were members for 40 to 49 years, 18 were members for 30 to 39 years, and an impressive 51 men were members for 20 to 29 years. The average tenure of membership is about 15 years.

All told, 321 men have accepted invitations of membership in the club. Of them, 136, or 42%, presented one or more papers at a meeting. However, this does not present the whole picture. During the first 50 years from 1904 to 1954, 60% of the members presented before the group while in the second 50 years (1955-2004), only 27% did.

The most frequent presenter was Virgil Kauffman, President of Aero Service Corporation, an aerial photography firm. Between 1941 and 1983, he appeared before the group eleven times. Hamilton Schuyler, whom we have encountered several times in this narrative, was not far behind. He made 10 presentations, the first in 1905 and the last two in 1925. Other frequent presenters were

- Henry A. Cotton, MD, Medical Director, New Jersey State Hospital, 8 between 1909 and 1924
- Linton Satterthwaite, Counsellor at Law and Founding Member, 7 between 1905 and 1921
- William Libbey, D.Sc., Professor at Princeton University, 7 between 1907 and 1926
- Edward C. Stokes LL.D., Former Governor, State of New Jersey, 7 between 1909 and 1932
- Herman C. Mueller, President, Mueller Mosaic Company, 6 between 1918 and 1932
- George N. J. Sommer, MD, Fellow, American College of Surgeons, 5 between 1918 and 1944
- J. Duncan Spaeth, Professor of English, Princeton University, 5 between 1932 and 1952
- Carlton W. Tillinghast, Director, NJ Taxpayers Association, 5 between 1951 and 1970

Howard L. Hughes, the Librarian of the State Library in Trenton made four presentations to the group, the first in 1917 and the last forty years later in 1957.

If one chooses to measure participation in the affairs on The Symposium in terms of attendance at meetings, the early years of the club (1905 through about 1916) were good ones, attendance ran about 60%. In the years from 1917 until about 1933, the percentage fell to about 45% then rose again to around 55% which was sustained through 1948. The 20-year period from 1949 through 1959 saw the lowest sustained attendance recorded in the whole period covered by this narrative – less than 44%. In three of these years (1959, 1967 and 1968, average attendance at the meetings was less than 40% (less than 20 members attended per meeting). Then it rose again and today averages between 60% to 70%.<sup>165</sup>

On the other hand, if participation is defined as active involvement in Symposium business, including the presentation of papers and the holding of office, the picture that emerges is quite different. Viewed from this perspective, there are three distinguishable epochs in the past hundred years. Between 1904 and 1924, only three of the 57 men (5%) who became members failed to either hold office or make a presentation at a meeting of the group.

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<sup>165</sup> For a decade by decade analysis of meeting attendance, see Appendix 2 – Membership Data

Then, with the increase in membership in 1925 (the Constitution was amended in 1924 to raise the membership from 21 to 40), the non-participation rate jumped sharply to 40% in the decade 1925 to 1934.

For the next forty years (until 1974), the decade by decade percentage of members who neither presented papers nor held an office in the organization ranged from 17% to 37%. Then in the decade 1975 to 1984 it jumped sharply to 61% and has continued to climb until, in the mid-1990's, 7 out of 10 members of The Symposium had neither held office nor made presentations to the group. Today, the situation is somewhat improved. Of the 47 current members of the club, 23 (or just under half) have either been voted into office, made a presentation, or both.

Which brings us to the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club, held on December 1, 2004 – exactly 99 years, 11 months and 17 days after the very first meeting of the group on December 14, 1904. It was, in fact, the 784<sup>th</sup> meeting of the group.

At the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting there was no guest speaker or formal program for the evening. Following the social hour and an excellent dinner of Chicken Kiev, the 35 members present heard a number of their fellow Symposium members speak briefly about their experiences in the group and what it meant to them. President William Sheehy presided over the discussion.

John Wood, a member since 1971 and a past president of the group, was first. He stated that “we shouldn’t change the texture ... The Symposium has its own flavor which should be preserved.” He also said that Jake Nevius is like a “Fantazom” and that “he has done a grand job.” (Jake has gotten 46 speakers and in his 22 year of membership is continuing to help get outstanding speakers at age 90.)

Jake said that he particularly enjoys the lively question and answer period following the speaker’s talk.

Harry Hill, a member since 1988 and past president, recollected the “therapist speaker” a while back ... recalling how The Symposium membership “was such a healthy group, but had so many sick friends.”<sup>166</sup>

George Pearson, who has been the Secretary of the organization since 1996, spoke briefly about some former Symposium presidents and “how Harry Stokes is the ‘senior president’ here.”

Bill Beitel, also a past president and a member since 1988, offered his comments “How he truly appreciates the program, the camaraderie at dinner, and mixing with people who have unique talents. “The Symposium is a unique collection of personalities,” he added. He gave examples of Virgil Kauffman who invented aerial photography, Charlie Stokes who had a rubber company and Jake who had the department stores.

As the group dispersed at around 9:00 PM, It occurred to this writer that there must be many different perceptions of the true nature of The Symposium among its members

Eight of the members had been with the club for more than 20 years. Their memories reached back to the days when the dues were \$10 a year, members paid

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<sup>166</sup> Minutes of the meeting of 12/1/2004

\$4.50 for their dinners, and topics like “Steam Power,” “Boy’s Work in Trenton,” and “The Silent Revolution in the Soviet Union” were presented at the meetings. Secretary Butcher was writing those lyrical meeting announcements and there were members active in the club who had joined in the 1930’s, 40’s and 50’s. Their ideas of what The Symposium was all about were bound to be different from those of us who are relative newcomers and lack the immersion in the traditions that earlier generations were fortunate to have.

Hence, this history. I have attempted to report the events, major and minor, in the history of The Symposium that have shaped its character and purpose so that we and those who follow us can share some of the experiences that have created the environment that is present in the meetings and better understand and appreciate how the evolution of the organization has brought it and us to where we are today.

## Appendix 1 – Program Subjects

(See Appendix 6 - Programs for a complete list)

Subject	1905-14	1915-24	1925-34	1935-44	1945-54	1955-64	1965-74	1975-84	1985-94	1995-04	Totals 1905-54	Totals 1955-04	Grand Totals
Archeology	1	1	1	2							5	0	5
Arts and Music	6	7	7	6	1	2	4	6	5	4	27	21	48
Athletics			3						2	2	3	4	7
Biography	4	3	1	3	3				1	3	14	4	18
Biological Sciences			2	1		1		1	1	1	3	4	7
Business and Commerce		1						3	1	12	1	16	17
Ecology			1		2	3	5	1	5	1	3	15	18
Economics	4	4	6	2	1	2		2	2	1	17	7	24
Education	4	5	6	2	5	5	9	5	3	7	22	29	51
Engineering	1	3	2		3	1	1		1		9	3	12
Geology	2	3		1	1	3		3			7	6	13
Health and Medicine	2	3	1	4	4	3	3	4	6	2	14	18	32
History	3	1	6	5	4	4	6	11	13	9	18	43	61
Hobbies			1			2		2			1	4	5
Journalism	2	1	2			3	1	1	2		8	4	12
Law and Law Enforcement	1	4	2	4	2	5	3	1	3	1	13	13	26
Library	1	1					1				2	1	2
Local Affairs	2	1	2	2	6	8	5	2	12	15	13	42	55
Mental Health	5	4	1		1		1		1		11	2	13
Physical Sciences	2	2		6		5	2	4		2	10	13	23
Public Policy	18	8	7	10	6	2	6	8	2	6	49	24	73
Religion	7	4		1			1	1			12	2	14
Society	10	5	3	2	8	3	3	1	3	3	28	13	41
Symposium Affairs	1	1				2		1		1	2	4	6
Technology			1	3	2	7	11	4	4	4	6	30	36
Travel	1	3	9	6	7	7	10	12	4	2	26	35	61
World Affairs	2	12	9	20	24	12	7	6	9	5	67	39	106

The 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of The Symposium was held on November 12, 1917  
 The 200<sup>th</sup> meeting of The Symposium was held on February 9, 1931  
 The 300<sup>th</sup> meeting of The Symposium was held on January 3, 1944  
 The 400<sup>th</sup> meeting of The Symposium was held on October 3, 1956  
 The 500<sup>th</sup> meeting of The Symposium was held on February 5, 1969  
 The 600<sup>th</sup> meeting of The Symposium was held on December 2, 1981  
 The 700<sup>th</sup> meeting of The Symposium was held on March 4, 1994  
 The meeting of December 1, 2004 (The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting) was the 784<sup>th</sup> meeting of The Symposium

## Appendix 2 – Membership Data

(See Appendix 5 – Membership for a complete list of the members)

	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914
Number of Members	14	15	17	17	18	19	19	18	22	21
Authorized Members	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	21	21
Average Attendance	14	11	14	15	12	11	12	12	13	13
Number of Meetings	8	8	8	7	6	8	8	7	8	8
Percent Attending	100	79	82	88	67	58	63	67	59	62

	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1921	1921	1922	1923	1924
Number of Members	23	22	22	27	29	28	29	28	33	33
Authorized Members	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
Average Attendance	14	13	10	13	13	15	14	15	16	16
Number of Meetings	8	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	7	8
Percent Attending	61	59	45	48	45	54	48	54	55	48

	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
Number of Members	36	39	40	39	35	33	38	37	42	36
Authorized Members	21	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	50
Average Attendance	17	16	18	16	13	12	18	14	19	18
Number of Meetings	8	8	8	6	8	7	8	7	6	7
Percent Attending	47	41	45	41	37	36	47	38	45	50

	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Number of Members	30	30	35	35	38	41	45	48	51	44
Authorized Members	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Average Attendance	17	18	21	20	18	21	24	24	23	23
Number of Meetings	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Percent Attending	57	60	60	57	47	51	53	50	45	52

	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Number of Members	44	45	46	46	46	45	42	51	51	53
Authorized Members	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Average Attendance	25	22	25	26	22	20	20	22	24	27
Number of Meetings	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Percent Attending	57	49	54	57	48	44	42	43	47	51

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Number of Members	53	53	53	51	51	51	55	53	51	52
Authorized Members	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Average Attendance	28	25	22	23	20	22	24	23	21	23
Number of Meetings	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Percent Attending	53	47	42	45	39	43	44	43	41	44

	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
Number of Members	54	52	51	57	53	52	53	53	52	54
Authorized Members	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Average Attendance	27	28	18	21	25	27	24	30	32	33
Number of Meetings	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	8
Percent Attending	50	54	35	37	47	52	45	57	62	52

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Number of Members	57	58	56	54	55	53	55	59	55	58
Authorized Members	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	55
Average Attendance	32	28	30	28	30	29	29	29	30	34
Number of Meetings	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	8	8
Percent Attending	56	48	54	52	55	55	53	47	55	59

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Number of Members	63	63	65	65	58	62	57	58	59	57
Authorized Members	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55
Average Attendance	38	39	39	37	41	4	39	40	42	40
Number of Meetings	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Percent Attending	60	62	60	57	71	65	68	69	71	70

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Number of Members	55	56	57	54	55	52	50	51	48	47
Authorized Members	55	55	55	55	60	60	60	60	60	60
Average Attendance	36	32	34	31	35	36	35	33	34	33
Number of Meetings	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Percent Attending	65	57	60	57	64	69	64	65	71	70



## Appendix 3 – Officers

	<b>President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>
2005-06	Donald J. Anderson	Joseph T. Claffey	Thomas R. Sheridan (S) George H. Pearson (T)
2004-05	William V. Sheehy, III	Donald J. Anderson George H. Pearson (T)	Thomas R. Sheridan (S)
2003-04	Joseph P. Teti	William V. Sheehy, III George H. Pearson (T)	Thomas R. Sheridan (S)
2002-03	Walter F. Bien	Joseph P. Teti George H. Pearson (T)	Thomas R. Sheridan (S)
2001-02	William C. Nester	George H. Pearson George H. Pearson (T)	Walter F. Bien (S)
2000-01	John C. Wood, MD	William C. Nester George H. Pearson (T)	James H. Johnson (S)
1999-00	Donald R. Painter	John C. Wood, MD George H. Pearson (T)	James H. Johnson (S)
1998-99	William J. Beitel	Donald R. Painter George H. Pearson (T)	James H. Johnson (S)
1997-98	Robert G. Applegate	William J. Beitel George H. Pearson (T)	James H. Johnson (S)

NOTE: Beginning in 1997, the office of Secretary-Treasurer was abolished and a separate Secretary (S) and Treasurer (T) elected, although this change is not reflected in the Constitution

1996-97	John G. Brian, Jr.	Robert G. Applegate	George H. Pearson
1995-96	Thomas G. McMahon	John G. Brian, Jr.	John G. Brian, Jr.
1994-95	Harry R. Hill, Jr.	Thomas G. McMahon	John G. Brian, Jr.
1993-94	William C. Hart	Harry R. Hill, Jr.	Thomas G. McMahon
1992-93	James J. Freda	David Barbour, III	Frederick L. Gilman
1991-92	W. Laurence Bonnet, MD	James J. Freda	Frederick L. Gilman
1990-91	John Whitehead	W. Laurence Bonnet, MD	Edward S. Swan
1989-90	Vincent B. Hindley	John Whitehead	Edward S. Swan
1988-89	John B. Sill, Jr.	Charles E/ Bain, Jr.	James J. Freda
1987-88	Frederick A. Zoda	John B. Sill, Jr.	James J. Freda
1986-87	David B. Pierce	John Schmunk	Frederick A. Zoda
1985-86	John P. Belli	David B. Pierce	Frederick A. Zoda
1984-85	Edwin B. Whalen	John P. Belli	William F. Heefner
1983-84	Charles E. Stokes, III	Edwin B. Whalen	William F. Heefner
1982-83	Robert E. Murto	Joseph S. Jorczak	William F. Heefner
1981-82	Anthony J. Larrecq	Robert E. Murto	Paul J. Burr
1980-81	Wilson F. Sturdevant	F. Glenn Breen	Herbert B. Butcher
1979-80	George N. J. Sommer, Jr., MD	F. Glenn Breen	Herbert B. Butcher
1978-79	Arnold C. Pierce	George N. J. Sommer, Jr., MD	Herbert B. Butcher
1977-78	Edward F. Walton	Arnold C. Pierce	Herbert B. Butcher
1976-77	C. Shelley Acuff	Edward F. Walton	Herbert B. Butcher
1975-76	James H. Rendall, Jr.	Charles C. Stewart	Herbert B. Butcher
1974-75	Paul B. Reisinger	James H. Rendall, Jr.	Herbert B. Butcher

	<b>President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>
1973-74	William F. Heefner	Paul B. Reisinger	Herbert B. Butcher
1972-73	H. Russell Brown	William F. Heefner	Herbert B. Butcher
1971-72	Leonard T. Lynch	H. Russell Brown	Herbert B. Butcher
1970-71	W. Enos Wetzel	Leonard T. Lynch	Herbert B. Butcher
1969-70	Robert M. Backes	W. Enos Wetzel	Herbert B. Butcher

NOTE: In April, 1969, the Constitution was amended to provide for election of officers in May to take office in October. Previously, the elections were held in November and the officers installed in January,

1968	W. J. B. Stokes, II	Paul Plough	Herbert B. Butcher
1967	Edward D. Parsons	W. J. B. Stokes, II	Leon W. Slack
1966	Basil G. Outerbridge	W. J. B. Stokes, II	Leon W. Slack
1965	Edmund L. Robinson	Basil G. Outerbridge	Leon W. Slack
1964	Raymond A. Schroth	Edmund L. Robinson	Leon W. Slack
1963	Herbert B. Butcher	J. Douglas Ekins	Leon W. Slack
1962	Lewis B. Traver	J. Douglas Ekins	Leon W. Slack
1961	Sanford Bates	Lloyd W. McCorkle	Leon W. Slack
1960	H. Morrison Smith	Lloyd W. McCorkle	Leon W. Slack
1959	Lewis Unsworth	Edmund Goodrich	Leon W. Slack
1958	Carlton W. Tillinghast	Raymond A. Schroth	Leon W. Slack
1957	F. Lovell Bixby, MD	Carlton W. Tillinghast	Alfred P. S. Bellis
1956	Meredith E. Johnson	F. Lovell Bixby, MD	Archibald W. Brown
1955	Frederick R. Sayen	Albert B. Hildebrecht	Sackett M. Dickinson
1954	William J. Dearden	Albert B. Hildebrecht	Sackett M. Dickinson
1953	Sackett M. Dickinson	Albert B. Hildebrecht	Archibald W. Brown
1952	Samuel Sica	Elzey S. Aitkin	Sackett M. Dickinson
1951	Harvey Knight	Sanford Bates	Sackett M. Dickinson
1950	Alfred P. S. Bellis	Clyde W. Hall	Sackett M. Dickinson
1949	George R. Shanklin	Alfred P. S. Bellis	Sackett M. Dickinson
1948	Jay B. Tomlinson	George R. Shanklin	Sackett M. Dickinson
1947	William B. Duryea	Jay B. Tomlinson	Sackett M. Dickinson
1946	Donald B. Rice	William B. Duryea	Sackett M. Dickinson
1945	Rauland P. Smith	Donald B. Rice	Sackett M. Dickinson
1944	David S. Styer	Enos Wetzel	Sackett M. Dickinson
1943	Lewis W. Link	Samuel B. Sica	Sackett M. Dickinson
1942	James L. Martin	Paul Loser	Sackett M. Dickinson
1941	John V. B. Wicoff	Paul Loser	James L. Martin
1940	Andrew B. Hammitt	John V. B. Wicoff	James L. Martin
1939	John G. Conner	Andrew B. Hammitt	James L. Martin
1938	Roscoe J. West	John G. Conner	James L. Martin
1937	John N. Brooks	Roscoe L. West	James L. Martin
1936	William A. Wetzel, MD	John N. Brooks	James L. Martin
1935	William J. Ellis	William A. Wetzel, MD	James L. Martin
1934	Ellis J. Pierson	William J. Ellis	James L. Martin
1933	Howard L. Hughes	Ellis L. Pierson	James L. Martin
1932	D. Parry Forst	Louis G. Beers	Howard L. Hughes
1931	Henry M. Hartmann	D. Parry Forst	Howard L. Hughes
1930	Bruce Bedford	Henry M. Hartmann	Howard L. Hughes
1929	John P. Dullard	Bruce Bedford	Howard L. Hughes
1928	Malcolm G. Buchanan	William E. Green	Howard L. Hughes

	<b>President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>
1927	Alfred N. Barber	Malcolm G. Buchanan	Howard L. Hughes
1926	Edward M. Hunt	Alfred N. Barber	Howard L. Hughes
1925	George N. J. Sommer, MD	Edward M. Hunt	Howard L. Hughes
1924	Joseph L. Bodine	George N. J. Sommer, MD	Howard L. Hughes
1923	Herman C. Mueller	Joseph L. Bodine	Howard L. Hughes
1922	Charles E. Hewitt	Herman C. Mueller	Howard L. Hughes
1921	Edward L. Katzenbach	Charles E. Hewitt	Howard L. Hughes
1920	Frank Forrest Frederick	Edward L. Katzenbach	Howard L. Hughes
1919	Frederick W. Gnichtel	Frank Forrest Frederick	Howard L. Hughes
1918	Henry C. Moore	Frederick W. Gnichtel	Howard L. Hughes
1917	John J. Cleary	Henry C. Moore	Frederick H. Clark
1916	Scott Scammel	John J. Cleary	Frederick H. Clark
1915	Henry A. Cotton	Scott Scammel	Frederick H. Clark
1914	William A. Clark	Henry A. Cotton	Frederick H. Clark
1913	Edward C. Stokes	Henry Jones Ford	Frederick H. Clark
1912	William Libbey	Edward C. Stokes	Frederick H. Clark
1911	Henry Collin Minton	William Libbey	Frederick H. Clark
1910	Linton Satterthwaite	Adam Strohm	Frederick H. Clark
1909	James M. Green	William M. Lanning	Frederick H. Clark
1908	Washington A. Roebling	Linton Satterthwaite	Frederick H. Clark
1907	Hamilton Schuyler	Washington A. Roebling	Frederick H. Clark
1906	Foster C. Griffith	Henry Collin Minton	Frederick H. Clark
1904-05	Garret D. W. Vroom	James M. Green	Frederick H. Clark



## Appendix 4 - Constitution

### Article I.

#### Objects.

Section 1. The subscribers hereto associate themselves for the purpose of discussing, at stated times and in a social way, such topics as pertain to the welfare, culture and happiness of the people, particularly of our own locality, state, or nation.

### Article II.

#### Name and Membership.

Section 1. This organization shall be known as The Symposium, and shall consist of not more than seventeen members, who shall be citizens or residents of Mercer County, New Jersey.

*12/9/1912 – Changed from seventeen to twenty-one members*

*12/15/1924 – Changed from twenty-one members to forty members*

*12/14/1932 – Changed from forty to fifty members*

*Changed to include Burlington and Hunterdon Counties in New Jersey and Bucks County in Pennsylvania*

*12/1/1982 – Changed from fifty to fifty-five members*

Section 2. If at any time the number of regular members is below the limit named in Section One, additions to the roll may be admitted only as follows, to wit:

*12/1/1982 – Changed as follows:*

*Section 2. If at any time the number of regular members is less than fifty-five (55), additions to the roll may be admitted only as follows:*

Any member, having given notice at a previous meeting of his intention to do so, may recommend an individual by name for fellowship, and ask that he be invited to become a member of the Club, whereupon a ballot shall be taken, and if not more than one adverse vote appear it shall be the duty of the Secretary to invite, in the name of the Club, such recommended person to become a member subject to his acceptance in person, or in writing, at the next regular meeting, provided that before a ballot is had the Committee on Membership shall have recommended that the invitation be extended.

*12/15/1924 – (Added) Members elected shall not be considered as having fully qualified for membership until they have read a paper or made an address before the society.*

*12/1/1982 – Changed as follows:*

*Any member may propose an individual for membership by obtaining from the secretary a membership application form and returning it filled in, to the secretary. This application form will be promptly submitted to the Membership Committee, who will study the suitability of the proposed individual. If the Membership Committee approves the application, the proposer shall be so advised, and at the next meeting he will nominate the individual for membership. A ballot shall be taken, and if not more than one adverse vote appears, it shall be the duty of the secretary to invite the person to become a member subject to his acceptance in writing.*

5/1/1959 (Added):

*Section 3. Membership in The Symposium shall cease upon failure of a member to attend eight consecutive meetings, except when the Membership Committee, upon prompt review, recommends that an exception be made, due to unusual circumstances.*

*12/1/1982 – the wording “eight consecutive meetings” in Section 3 was changed to “four sessions in any calendar year”*

5/1/1959 (Added)

*Section 4. In addition to the fifty members specified in Section 1, Honorary Members may be elected. To be eligible for Honorary Membership, a person shall be sixty years of age and shall have been a member of the Symposium for ten years. Honorary Members shall be recommended by the Membership Committee and approved by the Society. Honorary Members shall be relieved from payment of dues.*

*Modified after 1963 but before 1976:*

*Section 4. A member of more than 10 years, whose health or age makes attendance at meetings infrequent, upon recommendation of the Membership Committee, may be elected an HONORARY MEMBER by a two-thirds majority of the members attending a regular meeting.*

*Honorary members will pay no dues, will vote, but are urged to attend meetings. The vacancy created when a member is made an Honorary Member is then available to a newly elected member.*

### Article III.

#### Officers and Committees.

*Section 1. The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, such to be chosen by ballot at the December meeting and to serve for one year, or until a successor is elected.*

*4/2/1969 – Changed as follows:*

*Section 1. The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, each to be chosen by ballot at the May meeting from among the candidates nominated at the April meeting. The officers shall serve for one year beginning with the October meeting or until a successor is elected*

*Section 2. Standing Committees of three members each and to serve for one year, shall be named by the President at the beginning of his term, as follows:*

*Committee on Membership  
Committee on Topics  
Committee on Entertainment*

*Modified after 1949 but before 1963:*

*Section 2. Standing Committees of three members each and to serve for one year, shall be name by the President at the beginning of his term, as follows:*

*Membership Committee  
Program Committee*

Article IV.

Meetings.

Section 1. Regular meetings of the club shall be held every second Monday of the month, between October first and June first, except as provided in Section Two.

*Modified after 1949 but before 1963:*

*Section 1: Regular meetings of the Club shall be held monthly on the first Wednesday of the month between October 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>, except as provided in Section 2*

Section 2. The Club may at any session change the date of a succeeding meeting, or the President, upon petition of five members with reason therefore, may change the date of the next meeting or call a special meeting as may be required.

Section 3. In the event of a change, or call for a special meeting, as provided in Section Two, the President shall direct the Secretary to notify members thereof.

Section 4. Any member absent from four successive meetings, not having been excused, shall thereby forfeit his membership, and the Secretary shall certify each vacancy to the Club at the next regular meeting. (*Section 4 was deleted in 1924 and Sections 5, 6, and 7 renumbered*)

Section 5. The time allowed for the reading of any paper which may be presented shall not exceed thirty minutes, except by unanimous consent.

Section 6. In the discussion of any paper of subject speakers shall be limited to ten minutes each, and shall not speak a second time until all others present shall have had an opportunity of speaking.

Section 7. Each member may invite one non-resident guest to one meeting in each year.

*Sometime between 1949 and 1963 Sections 4 through 7 were eliminated*

Article V.

Dues and Assessments.

Section 1. The annual dues shall be ten dollars, payable in advance in January, provided that a member admitted after the April meeting shall be required to pay only five dollars for the balance of the year.

*2/3/1971*

*Section 1. The annual dues shall be twenty dollars, payable in advance in January, provided that a member admitted after the April meeting shall be required to pay only ten dollars for the balance of the year*

*2/3/1982*

*Section 1. The annual dues shall be thirty dollars, until changed by the membership, payable in advance in January, provided that a member admitted after the April meeting shall be required to pay only one half of the annual dues for the balance of the year.*

Section 2. A special assessment may be levied at any regular meeting by an affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the Club.

Article VI.

Quorum.

Section 1. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article VII.

Rules and Amendments.

Section 1. By-Laws or Rules, not inconsistent with this Constitution, may be adopted, altered, or amended at any regular meeting, provided, that notice of proposed action and time thereof has been given at a previous meeting.

Section 2. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting, provided, that the proposed change has been announced at two previous meetings and adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Club, except Article Two, which may be altered or amended only at the annual meeting in December, previous notice of proposed change having been given.

*12/9/1912 – The phrase, “, except Article Two, which may be altered or amended only at the annual meeting in December, previous notice of proposed change having been given.” was eliminated.*

## Appendix 5 - Membership

Name and Affiliation	Membership History	Papers Given
Mather Almon Abbott, MD Headmaster, Lawrenceville School	Joined 1932 Resigned 1932	1932
Alfred Abbots Attorney	Joined 1997 Resigned 2000	
C. Shelly Acuff	Joined 1970 President 1976-77 Died 1989	1978
Frederick M. Adams Dean, Trinity Cathedral	Joined 1950 Died 1964	1952
Elsy S. Aitkin President, Trenton Potteries Company	Joined 1940 Vice President 1952 Died 1956	
Donald J. Anderson FAS Roofing, Inc.	Joined 1989 Vice President 2004-05 President 2005-06 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Robert Applegate Insurance	Joined 1994 Vice President 1996-97 President 1997-98 Current Member (as of 2006)	
George W. Arnett	Joined 1943 Dropped 1961	
George T. Atchley	Joined 1976 Died 1981	
Kenneth Y. Atchley Counsellor at Law	Joined 1967 Died 1985	
John H. Backes	Joined 1922 Resigned 1929	

Name and Affiliation	Membership History	Papers Given
Robert M. Backes, Esq. Partner, Backes and Backes, Counsellors at Law	Joined 1960 President 1969-70 Resigned 2004	1974
William J. Backes	Joined 1927 Resigned 1950	
Charles E. Bain, Jr.	Joined 1973 Vice President 1988-89 Died 1997	
Thomas A. Baldwin	Joined 1933 Resigned 1933	
William Bannerman	Joined 1987 Resigned 1992	
Alfred N. Barber Secretary, NJ Department of Public Utility	Permanent Guest 1918 Joined 1919 Vice President 1927 President 1928 Resigned 1933	1919
James R. Barber	Joined 1924 Resigned 1941	1927. 1931
David Barbour, Jr. President, Barbour Bros. Steel Co.	Joined 1970 Resigned 1983	
David Barbour, III President, Barbour Bros. Steel Co.	Joined 1978 Vice President 1992-93 Resigned 2002	
Donald J. Bartusis	Joined 1969 Resigned 1987	
Sanford Bates	Joined 1946 Vice President 1951 President 1961 Honorary Member 1971 Died 1972	1946
George Baxter ESJ Holdings, Inc.	Joined 1984 Resigned 1986	

Name and Affiliation	Membership History	Papers Given
Richard T. Beck Superintendent of ScNools, City of Trenton	Joined 1964 Resigned 1968	1963
Bruce Bedford	Joined 1921 Vice President 1929 President 1930 Resigned 1960	
Louis G. Beers	Joined 1924 Vice President 1932 Died 1938	1931
William J. Beitel President, Beitel Displays	Joined 1994 Vice President 1997-98 President 1998-99 Current Member (as of 2006)	1988
George H. Bell	Joined 1940 Resigned 1953	
John Belli President, The Belli Company	Joined 1967 Vice President 1984-85 President 1985-86 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Alfred P. S. Bellis Chief Electrical Engineer, John A. Roebling's Sons Co.	Joined 1930 Vice President 1949 President 1950 Treasurer 1957 Died 1960	1932, 1955
Horace D. Bellis	Joined 1945 Died 1950	
Donald S. Benson	Joined 1969 Resigned 1977	
William J. Bickett Superintendent of Schools, City of Trenton	Joined 1924 Died 1931	1922
Robert Biddle, III	Joined 1967 Resigned 1970	

Name and Affiliation	Membership History	Papers Given
Walter F. Bien Research Professor, Drexel University	Joined 1998 Secretary 200103 President 2002-03 Current Member (as of 2006)	2000
Robert C. Billmeier Partner, Backes, Waldron and Hill, Counsellors at Law	Joined 1985 Resigned 1986	
Thomas K. Bills, MD	Joined 2005 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Donald T. Bixby President, DeLaval Company	Joined 2002 Current Member (as of 2006)	
F. Lovell Bixby, MD Consultant on Probation, Supreme Court of NJ	Joined 1951 Vice President 1956 President 1957 Resigned 1967	1963
Don C. Bliss	Joined 1926 Resigned 1930	
Joseph L. Bodine Judge, United Stated District Court	Permanent Guest 1917 Joined 1918 Vice President 1923 President 1924 Died 1950	1918, 1921
W. Lawrence Bonnet, MD Radiologist	Joined 1985 Vice President 1990-91 President 1991-92 Resigned 1994	1986
William S. Borden, Sr.	Joined 1967 Died 1971	
John H. Bosshart, Ph.D. Commissioner, NJ Department of Education	Joined 1943 Resigned 1952	1947
Ted Boyer President, Beneficial Technology Corp.	Joined 2002 Current Member (as of 2006)	

Name and Affiliation	Membership History	Papers Given
George Brauning Goat Hill Vineyard	Joined 1965 Died 1989	
F. Glenn Breen President, Trenton Savings Bank	Joined 1971 Vice President 1979-81 Honorary Member 1998 Died 1998	1974
David R. Breidinger Comcast Inc.	Joined 1995 Resigned 2003	1993, 2000
Charles H. Brenner John A. Roebling's Sons	Joined 1987 Resigned 2002	
John G. Brian, Jr. Former Manager, Fisher Guide Division, General Motors	Joined 1991 Treasurer 1994-96 Vice President 1996-96 President 1996-97 Current Member (as of 2006)	1995
John N. Brooks	Joined 1928 Vice President 1936 President 1937 Dropped 1960	1929, 1942
Clayton R. Brower, Ph.D. President, Trenton State College	Joined 1972 Resigned 1981	1974
Archibald W. Brown Certified Public Accountant	Joined 1950 Treasurer 1953, 1956 Died 1960	
H. Russell Brown John A. Roebling's Sons	Joined 1969 Vice President 1971-72 President 1972-73 Resigned 1978	1972
Malcolm G. Buchanan Vice-Chancellor of New Jersey	Joined 1920 Vice President 1927 President 1928 Died 1942	1924, 1939

Name and Affiliation	Membership History	Papers Given
Paul J. Burr Captain, U.S. Navy	Joined 1973 Treasurer 1981-82 Resigned 1992	
Herbert Borton Butcher, Ph.D. Examiner, State of NJ Civil Service	Joined 1960 President 1963 Treasurer 1968-80 Died 1980	1958, 1966, 1977
John A. Campbell President, Trenton Potteries Company	Joined 1910 Died 1939	1912, 1919
Frederick C. Carstarphen, E.M. Civil, Mechanical and Mining Engineer	Joined 1921 Resigned 1926	1921, 1922, 1923, 1924
Edward B. Carter	Joined 1953 Resigned 1959	
Edward P. Chappen	Joined 1987 Resigned 1993	
Alfred D. Christie, MD	Joined 1986 Current Member (as of 2006)	
George E. Claffey, Jr. G. E. Claffey Agency, Inc.	Joined 1999 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Joseph T. Claffey Consultant	Joined 2002 Vice President 2005-06 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Frederick H. Clark NJ Artist	Founding Member 1904 Secretary/Treasurer 1904- 1917 Resigned 1917	1906, 1910
Willam A.. Clark, MD	Founding Member 1904 Resigned 1909 Rejoined 1910 President 1914 Resigned 1920	1906, 1912

Name and Affiliation	Membership History	Papers Given
John J. Cleary Editorial Writer, Trenton Times-Advertiser	Permanent Guest 1912 Joined 1913 Vice President 1916 President 1917 Died 1936	1913, 1917, 1920
William Cloke Correspondent, New York Herald	Joined 1906 Died 1909	1906, 1908
William H. Coleman, MD	Joined 2000 Current Member (as of 2006)	
John Colt	Joined 1939 Died 1945	
Edward T. Comly President, Lawrence Hose Company	Joined 1936 Died 1949	
Joseph Comly	Joined 1950 Dropped 1962	
John G. Conner	Joined 1930 Vice President 1938 President 1939 Died 1960	1936
G. Earle Conover Buick Dealer	Joined 1974 Honorary Member 1980 Died 1980	
R. Caswell Cooke, Jr. Architect	Joined 2004 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Henry A. Cotton, MD Medical Director, New Jersey State Hospital at Trenton	Joined 1909 Vice President 1914 President 1915 Died 1933	1909, 1910, 1912, 1913, 1917, 1921, 1923, 1924
Henry Cotton	Joined 1939 Resigned 1939	
Walter D. Cogle Counsellor at Law	Joined 1961 Died 1964	

Name and Affiliation	Membership History	Papers Given
Winthrop M. Daniels, Ph.D. Professor of Political Economy, Princeton University	Joined 1912 Resigned 1914	1910, 1912
Guy K. Dean, III Trust Administrative Officer, Fidelity Union Trust Company	Joined 1980 Resigned 1986	
William J. Dearden Director, NJ Division of Motor Vehicles	Joined 1952 President 1954 Died 1968	1952
Russell P. Dey	Joined 1960 Resigned 1964	
Sackett M. Dickinson Deputy Attorney General, State of New Jersey	Joined 1932 Treasurer 1942-52 President 1953 Secretary-Treasurer 1954-55 Died 1955	1955
John S. Dilatush	Joined 1983 Resigned 1995	
John P. Dullard State Librarian of New Jersey	Permanent Guest 1919 Joined 1920 President 1929 Resigned 1932	1915
William B. Duryee Former Secretary, NJ Department of Agriculture	Joined 1940 Vice President 1946 President 1947 Died 1965	1945
J. Douglas Ekings Partner, Eking's Wright Clothing Store	Joined 1960 Vice President 1962-63 Died 1981	
Wellington B. Eler New Jersey Title Company	Joined 1975 Resigned 1999	
Frank N. Elliott President, Rider College	Joined 1992 Current Member (as of 2006)	1969, 1990, 2000

Name and Affiliation	Membership History	Papers Given
William John Ellis Psychologist, NJ Department of Institutions and Agencies	Joined 1925 Vice President 1934 President 1935 Died 1945	1924, 1936, 1945
Harvey C. Emery	Joined 1955 Resigned 1963	
Peter K. Emmons Pastor, First Presbyterian Church	Joined 1920 Resigned 1925	1920
Frederick L. Ferris	Joined 1930 Resigned 1933	
William V. R. Fogler President, Van Rensselaer, Ltd.	Joined 2002 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Henry Jones Ford Professor of Politics, Princeton University	Joined 1910 Vice President 1913 Resigned 1914	1909, 1911
Philip Forman	Joined 1933 Resigned 1940	
D. Parry Forst	Joined 1922 Vice President 1931 President 1932 Resigned 1943	1925, 1932
James J. Freda Dean, Mercer County Community College	Joined 1983 Secretary/Treasurer 1987-89 Vice President 1991-92 President 1992-93 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Frank Forrest Frederick Director, Trenton School of Industrial Arts	Joined 1907 Resigned 1908 Permanent Guest 1912 Rejoined 1913 Vice President 1919 President 1920 Resigned 1930	1907, 1913, 1918, 1920, 1922

Name and Affiliation	Membership History	Papers Given
Frederick L. Gilman Princeton Insurance Company	Joined 1987 Secretary/Treasurer 1991-93 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Frederick W. Gnichtel Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Mercer County	Permanent Guest 1912 Joined 1913 Vice President 1918 President 1919 Resigned 1942	1913, 1917
Sidney Goldmann Librarian, State of New Jersey	Joined 1973 Died 1983	1946, 1980
Edmund Goodrich Editor, The Trentonian	Joined 1956 Vice President 1959 Resigned 1964	1953
Harold H. Goucher President, Lennox China	Joined 2001 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Sidney "Bud" Gough	Joined 1999 Resigned 2004	
Henry W. Green Member, Board of Trustees, Princeton University	Joined 1913 Resigned 1917	1913
James M. Green, Ph.D, LL.D. Principal, State Normal School at Trenton	Founding Member 1904 Vice President 1904-05 President 1909 Died 1920	1905, 1907, 1911, 1916
William E. Green	Joined 1920 Vice President 1928 Died 1930	
Neil G. Greensides	Joined 1968 Resigned 1975	
Foster C. Griffith	Founding Member 1904 President 1906 Died 1928	1905, 1910

Name and Affiliation	Membership History	Papers Given
Louis Grimaldi Manager, General Motors Plant	Joined 1984 Died 1991	
Clyde W. Hall United Clay Mines Corporation	Joined 1943 Vice President 1950 Resigned 1953	
Hugh H. Hamill President, Trenton Trust and Safe Deposit Company	Founding Member 1904 Died 1909	1906
Andrew B. Hammitt President, H & B Enterprise Corporation	Joined 1930 Vice President 1939 President 1940 Died 1965	
William C. Hart Mercer Mutual Insurance Co.	Joined 1981 President 1993-94 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Henry M. Hartmann	Joined 1922 Vice President 1930 President 1931 Honorary Member 1971 Died 1974	
E. Paul Hartsfield Sales Manager, Elastomers Division of the Dupont Co.	Joined 1983 Resigned 2000	
Hunter E. Harvey, Jr. Chairman of the Board Capital Health System	Joined 2000 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Adolph Harvitt	Joined 1967 Died 1986	
Frederick D. Haulenbeek President, Frederick W. Donnelly	Joined 1998 Resigned 2003	
John Haverstock Chief Engineer, DeLaval Steam Turbine Company	Joined 1983 Died 1995	

Name and Affiliation	Membership History	Papers Given
William F. Heefner Partner, Curtin and Heefner, Attorneys at Law	Joined 1969 Vice President 1972-73 President 1973-74 Secretary/Treasurer 1982-85 Honorary Member 1998	
Allan V. Heeley	Joined 1943 Resigned 1950	
Paul B. Henon	Joined 1959 Dropped 1970	
Charles E. Hewitt. C.E. Member, American Society of Civil Engineers	Joined 1914 Vice President 1921 President 1922 Resigned 1931	1914
Albert B. Hildebrecht	Joined 1951 Vice President 1953-55 Honorary Member 1967 Died 1969	
Harry R. Hill, Jr. Counsellor at Law	Joined 1988 Vice President 1993-94 President 1994-95 Current Member (as of 2006)	
J. Stuart Hill President, Hill Refrigeration Company	Joined 1960 Died 1970	
William H. Hill	Joined 1945 Resigned 1968	
Harold W. Hills	Joined 2005 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Vincent B. Hindley	Joined 1984 President 1989-90 Current Member (as of 2006)	
David J. Hobin Hornblower & Weeks, Hemphill, Noyes	Joined 1976 Resigned 1980	1974

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Frank Graham Holmes Chief Designer, Lenox Incorporated	Joined 1925 Died 1954	1926
Vincent Hoyer President, NJ Manufacturers Insurance Company	Joined 1973 Resigned 1983	1973
Howard L. Hughes Librarian, Trenton Free Public Library	Permanent Guest 1917 Joined 1918 Secretary/Treasurer 1917- 1932 President 1933 Honorary Member 1953 Died 1966	1917, 1944, 1955, 1957
Edgar W. Hunt Counselor at Law	Joined 1922 Resigned 1932	1923
Edward M. Hunt Counsellor at Law	Permanent Guest 1918 Joined 1919 Vice President 1925 President 1926 Resigned 1928	1919
J. Osborne Hunt	Joined 1927 Resigned 1927	
Francis W. Hunter Director, Trenton Leisure Hour School	Joined 1965 Died 1968	
George B. Hynson	Joined 2001 Resigned 2002	
Mark Iorio	Joined 1999 Resigned 2004	
Lawrence Jacobsen Retired President, R.L. Polk Co., Detroit. MI	Joined 1985 Died 1989	1976, 1984, 1987
David Jenkins	Joined 1994 Resigned 1998	

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Evan M. Johnson, Jr. Major, US Infantry	Joined 1912 Resigned 1912	1912 (2)
James H. Johnson Marketing, Johnson and Johnson	Joined 1996 Secretary 1997-2001 Current Member (as of 2006)	2000, 2001
Meridith Johnson New Jersey State Geologist	Joined 1953 President 1956 Resigned 1970	1949, 1955, 1962, 1969
Joseph S. Jorczak	Joined 1975 Vice President 1982-83 Resigned 1983	1979
Edward L. Katzenbach Former Attorney General, State of New Jersey	Joined 1915 Vice President 1920 President 1921 Died 1935	1915, 1920
Nicholas DeB. Katzenbach	Joined 1950 Dropped 1953	
Richard Kauffman	Joined 2000 Resigned 2002	2001
Virgil Kauffman President, Aero Service Corporation	Joined 1964 Honorary Member 1984 Died 1986	1941, 1950, 1959, 1965, 1969, 1973, 1978, 1979 (2), 1980, 1983
James Kerney Editor, Trenton Times	Joined 1922 Died 1934	1919, 1923, 1926, 1927
James Kerney, Jr. Editor, Trenton Times	Joined 1936 Resigned 1939	1947, 1951, 1960, 1974
John Kerney	Joined 1992 Resigned 1994	
Mark Kimberling	Joined 1940 Resigned 1942	

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Harvey Knight Counsellor at Law	Joined 1941 President 1951 Resigned 1967	
Richard W. Koenig	Joined 2000 Resigned 2002	
Harold Koslow President, Dunham's Department Store	Joined 2000 Resigned 2002	
William A. Kressler, M.D.	Joined 1996 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Walter G. Kuser Director, Lenox Incorporated	Joined 1954 Died 1967	
Robert L. Lande	Joined 1996 Resigned 2002	
Arthur Lane Judge, U.S. District Court	Joined 1963 Resigned 1964	
William M. Lanning Judge, United States Circuit Court	Founding Member 1904 Vice President 1909 Died 1912	1905, 1908, 1911
William M. Lanning Chief Counsel, NJ Legislative Services	Joined 1981 Died 1981	
Anthony J. Larrecq Chief Engineer, DeLaval Steam Turbine Company	Joined 1973 President 1981-82 Honorary Member 1998 Died 2005	1974
Leroy P. Leahy	Joined 1989 Resigned 2000	
Francis A. Leigh Founder, Leigh Photographic Group	Joined 1989 Current Member (as of 2006)	
William Libbey, D.Sc. Professor of Physical Geography, Princeton University	Joined 1908 Vice President 1911 President 1912 Died 1927	1907, 1909, 1911(2), 1915, 1919, 1926

Name and Affiliation	Membership History	Papers Given
Lewis W. Link	Joined 1933 President 1943 Honorary Member 1971 Died 1988	1942
Paul Loser Superintendent of Schools, Trenton	Joined 1932 Vice President 1941-42 Resigned 1942	1932
Leonard J. LoDico	Joined 2005 Current Member (as of 2006)	
J. Thomas Loth President, Loth Floor Covering	Joined 1995 Current Member (as of 2006)	
William L. Loughnane Vice President, New Jersey Realty Title Insurance Co.	Joined 1982 Resigned 1994	
Charles Lucey Editor, The Trenton Times	Joined 1967 Resigned 1968	1964
Leonard T. Lynch	Joined 1960, Vice President 1970-71 President 1971-72 Honorary Member 1985 Died 1986	
Samuel Madiera	Joined 1986 Resigned 1988	
Uno Malmstrom	Joined 1940 Honorary Member 1971 Died 1973	
Goebel A. Marin, M.D.	Joined 1984 Resigned 1988	
James L. Martin President, Walter F. Smith and Company	Joined 1932 Secretary-Treasurer 1933-41 President 1942 Died 1952	

Name and Affiliation	Membership History	Papers Given
Paul Matthiesen Educator	Joined 1991 Died 1993	
Stephen A. Maurer VP of Business and Finance, Rider College	Joined 1970 Resigned 1975	1975
J. Joel May Professor of Economics, UMDNJ	Joined 2001 Resigned 2006	2002
Henry McBride Director, Trenton School of Industrial Arts	Founding Member 1904 Resigned 1906 Died April 13, 1962 Last Surviving Founding Member	1905
Lloyd W. McCorkle, Ph.D. Principal Keeper of the New Jersey State Prison	Joined 1954 Vice President 1960-61 Resigned 1961	1952, 1953
Charles F. McCoy, Jr.	Joined 1950 Resigned 1952	
Donald W. McGowan Major General, USA (Ret.)	Joined 1964 Died 1967	1964
Thomas G. McMahon, Esq. Counsellor at Law, Jamieson, Moore, Peskin & Spicer	Joined 1989 Secretary/Treasurer 1993-94 Vice President 1994-95 President 1995-96 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Albert E. Mickelwright Partner, Micklewright and Mountford	Joined 1939 Resigned 1953	
Henry Collin Minton, D.D., LL.D. Pastor, First Presbyterian Church	Founding Member 1904 Vice President 1906 President 1911 Resigned 1918	1905, 1908 1912, 1914
Henry Collin Minton, Jr. Counsellor at Law	Joined 1922 Resigned 1938	1923

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Neil Robert Montgomery	Founding Member 1904 Resigned 1910	1906
A. Jerome Moore Of Counsel, Albert, Schragger, Lavine, Levy & Segal	Joined 1986 Resigned 2004	
Carroll S. Moore, Jr.	Joined 1970 Died 1984	
Edward T. Moore	Joined 1986 Resigned 2005	
Henry C. Moore	Joined 1912 Vice President 1917 President 1918 Died 1921	1913
Herbert F. Moore Attorney, Executive Center of N.J.	Joined 1973 Resigned 2003	
Thomas T. Moore Civil Engineer	Joined 1983 Resigned 1983	
William E. Moore	Joined 1968 Resigned 1983	
Paul Morton City Manager, City of Trenton	Joined 1938 Resigned 1938	1935
Samuel Mountford Partner, Micklewright and Mountford	Joined 1936 Honorary Member 1963 Resigned 1970	
Herman C. Mueller President, Mueller Mosaic Company	Permanent Guest 1917 Joined 1918 Vice President 1922 President 1923 Resigned 1933	1918, 1920, 1923, 1928, 1930, 1932
Henry Murphy Manager, M. William Murphy, Inc.	Joined 1983 Resigned 1986	

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Robert Murray	Joined 1981 Died 1986	
Robert E. Murto, M.D.	Joined 1971 Vice President 1981-82 President 1982-83 Resigned 1997	1975
William C. Nester	Joined 1997 Vice President 2000-01 President 2001-02 Current Member (as of 2006)	
John H. Nevius President, Nevius-Voorhees	Joined 1973 Resigned 1975	
J. Carr Nevius Treasurer, Nevius-Voorhees	Joined 1984 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Harold Nutt	Joined 1995 Died 1997	
A. Dayton Oliphant	Joined 1932 Resigned 1936	
Basil G. Outerbridge President, Homosote Company	Joined 1950 Vice President 1965 President 1966 Died 1971	1963, 1964
Donald J. Packer	Joined 1933 Died 1945	
Donald R. Painter Director, Trenton YMCA	Joined 1994 Vice President 1998-99 President 1999-00 Resigned 2005	1995
Lewis W. Parker, Jr.	Joined 1979 Resigned 2003	

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Edward D. Parsons Traveler and Photographer	Joined 1963 President 1967 Died 1969	1949, 1957, 1964
George H. Pearson Architect	Joined 1992 Secretary-Treasurer 1997 Treasurer 1998-Present Vice President 2002 Current Member (as of 2006)	
David Penrose Insurance	Joined 1992 Resigned 2001	
Iver Peterson Reporter, New York Times	Joined 2005 Current Member (as of 2006)	1998
Arnold C. Pierce President, Pierce Roberts Rubber Co.	Joined 1972 Vice President 1977-78 President 1978-79 Died 1991	1977
David B. Pierce Vice President, Pierce Roberts Rubber Co.	Joined 1977 Vice President 1985-86 President 1986-87 Resigned 2004	
Ellis L. Pierson Counsellor at Law	Joined 1925 Vice President 1933 President 1934 Died 1958	
Paul Plough President, Plough Laundry	Joined 1960 Vice President 1968 Died 1976	
Paul H. Plough, Jr.	Joined 1980 Died 1984	
Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr.	Joined 1997 Resigned 1998	

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Victor S. Pollock President, Atlantic Products	Joined 1971 Honorary Member 1979 Died 1979	1974, 1978
Francis D. Potter	Joined 1932 Resigned 1951	
Thomas E. Pratt President, Squibb Management Association	Joined 1981 Resigned 1983	
Horace F. Quick President, The Charles Shick Company	Joined 1964 Died 1967	
Herbert D. Rathbun John A. Roebling's Sons	Joined 1971 Resigned 1972	
Alfred Reed Former Justice, Supreme Court of New Jersey	Permanent Guest 1912 Joined 1913 President 1916 Died 1918	1915, 1916
Paul B. Reisinger	Joined 1953 Vice President 1973-74 President 1974-75 Died 1984	
James H. Rendall, Jr.	Joined 1967 Vice President 1974-75 President 1975-76 Resigned 1993	1977
Donald B. Rice	Joined 1937 Vice President 1945 President 1946 Died 1976	
Richard Robinson	Joined 1955 Dropped 1963	
Edmund L. Robinson President, Crescent Insulated Wire and Cable Co.	Joined 1962 Vice President 1964 President 1965 Honorary Member 1984 Died 1988	1959, 1981

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Maxwell G. Rockhill NJ Department of Institutions and Agencies	Joined 1936 Died 1961	
Robert C. Roebling	Joined 1932 Resigned 1936	
Washington A. Roebling President, John A. Roebling's Sons Co.	Joined 1905 Vice President 1907 President 1908 Resigned 1911	1907
Edward C. Rose Brigadier General, USA (Retired)	Joined 1946 Resigned 1952	1946
Lawrence A. Rothwell President, Pennington Quality Market	Joined 1995 Resigned 2005	2001
Charles R. Rounds Professor, Hillwood Lakes State Teachers College	Joined 1937 Died 1948	1938
William L. J. Royal	Joined 1981 Resigned 1983	
Linton Satterthwaite Counsellor at Law	Founding Member 1904 Vice President 1908 President 1910 Died 1924	1905, 1907, 1911, 1914, 1916, 1917, 1921
Jerohn J. Savitz Principal, State Normal School at Trenton	Permanent Guest 1918 Joined 1918 Resigned 1924	1918
Frederick R. Sayen Partner, Mercer Rubber Company	Joined 1952 President 1955 Honorary Member 1980 Died 1981	1954, 1962
Scott Scammell Counsellor at Law	Joined 1907 Vice President 1915 Dropped 1919	1909, 1910, 1914

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John Schmunk	Joined 1975 Vice President 1986-87 Resigned 1987	
Frank D. Schroth Editor and Publisher, The Brooklyn Daily Eagle	Joined 1930 Resigned 1969	1931, 1951
Raymond A. Schroth Editorial Writer, Trenton Times	Joined 1954 Vice President 1958 President 1964 Honorary Member 1972 Died 1977	1955
Hamilton Schuyler Rector, Trinity Church	Founding Member 1904 President 1907 Died 1933 Last Active Founding Member	1905, 1908, 1909, 1911, 1914, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1925(2)
James Scott Regional Manager, Maritime Insurance Division, CIGNA	Joined 1990 Resigned 1995	1989
Andrew Sebben, D.D.	Joined 1964 Dropped 1966	
George R. Shanklin Senior Engineer, NJ State Water Policy Commission	Joined 1938 Vice President 1948 President 1949 Honorary Member 1971 Died 1974	1949
Adam Shanks Branninger News Service	Joined 1985 Resigned 1998	
William V. Sheehy, III	Joined Vice President 2003-04 President 2004-05 Current Member (as of 2006)	1992, 2000, 2003, 2004
Thomas R. Sheridan	Joined 2000 Secretary 2002-Present Current Member (as of 2006)	

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L. Samuel Sica, M.D. Medical Director, St. Francis Hospital	Joined 1933 Vice President 1943 President 1952 Died 1967	
John B. Sill, Jr. President, Ivins and Taylor	Joined 1981 Vice President 1987-88 President 1988-89 Archivist 2001 Died 2004	2001
Leon W. Slack	Joined 1951 Secretary/Treasurer 1958-67 Died 1970	
A. Merlin Smith	Joined 1983 Resigned 1987	
H. Arthur Smith	Joined 1930 Resigned 1933	1933
Harold Morrison Smith Dean, Bordentown Military Institute	Joined 1956 President 1960 Honorary Member 1971 Died 1971	1958
Rauland P. Smith	Joined 1938 President 1945 Died 1981	
George N. J. Sommer, MD Fellow, American College of Surgeons	Permanent Guest 1917 Joined 1918 Vice President 1924 President 1925 Died 1960	1918, 1921, 1925, 1936, 1944
George N. J. Sommer, Jr., MD Thoracic Surgeon, St. Francis Hospital	Joined 1960 Vice President 1978-79 President 1979-80 Honorary Member 2000 Died 2002	1970, 1980
J. Duncan Spaeth Professor of English, Princeton University	Joined 1932 Honorary Member 1943 Died 1954	1932, 1933, 1936, 1941, 1952

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J. B. Spradley, M.D. New Jersey State Hospital	Joined 1960 Resigned 1971	1952, 1970
Robert Stahl President, J. B. Richardson Co.	Joined 1983 Resigned 2001	
Raymond L. Steen President, Broad Street National Bank	Joined 1966 Resigned 1968	
Sydney G. Stevens President, Trenton Banking Company	Joined 1950 Resigned 1955	1952
Charles C. Stewart President, Mercer Medical Center	Joined 1968 Vice President 1975-76 Resigned 1993	1975
Bayard Stockton	Permanent Guest 1917 Joined 1917 Resigned 1927	
Frederick E. Stockwell Pastor, Third Presbyterian Church	Permanent Guest 1917 Joined 1918 Resigned 1920	1919
Charles E. Stokes, III President, The Home Rubber Company	Joined 1970 President 1983-84 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Edward C. Stokes LL.D. Former Governor, State of New Jersey	Joined 1906 Vice President 1912 President 1913 Died 1942	1909, 1910, 1912, 1915, 1917, 1929, 1932
W. J. B. Stokes, II President, Stokes-Trenton, Inc.	Joined 1953 Vice President 1966-67 President 1968 Honorary Member 1990 Died 1991	1965, 1967
Adam Strohm Librarian, Trenton Free Library	Founding Member 1904 Vice President 1910 Resigned 1911	1906, 1908

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Arthur W. Stryker	Joined 1954 Resigned 1959	
W. Bradford Stryker	Joined 1953 Honorary Member 1967 Died 1969	
Wilson F. Sturdevant Treasurer, Walter F. Smith Insurance	Joined 1969 President 1980-81 Died 1995	
David S. Styer Principal, Bordentown Military Institute	Joined 1936 President 1944 Died 1953	
Harold B. Sutphin President, Sutphin Machine Works	Joined 1953 Died 1968	
Edward S. Swan	Joined 1982 Secretary/Treasurer 1989-91 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Thomas S. Sweeney	Joined 1989 Died 1997	
Joseph P. Teti President, Triangle Your Creative Center	Joined 1996 Vice President 2002-03 President 2003-04 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Carlton W. Tillinghast Executive Director, NJ Taxpayers Association	Joined 1955 Vice President 1957 President 1958 Resigned 1975	1951, 1956, 1962, 1964, 1970
Welling G. Titus Sales Executive, Hamilton Rubber Company	Joined 1952 Died 1956	
Theodore G. Tobish	Joined 1991 Resigned 1993	

Name and Affiliation	Membership History	Papers Given
Jay B. Tomlinson Solicitor, Township of Chesterfield	Joined 1941 Vice President 1947 President 1948 Died 1967	1929, 1960
Elliot Tonik	Joined 2000 Resigned 2003	
Lewis B. Traver Traver's Book Store	Joined 1960 President 1962 Honorary Member 1971 Died 1974	
Thomas W. Trenchard	Joined 1914 Dropped 1917	
Miles W. Truesdell, Jr. TrueTech Controls, Inc.	Joined 2000 Current Member (as of 2006)	
J. Lewis Unsworth Manager of Sales, John B. Roebling Son's Company	Joined 1955 President 1959 Died 1974	1956
Ralph E. Urban	Joined 1933 Resigned 1934	
Richard G. Van Noy Director, Mercer County Improvement Authority	Joined 1987 Resigned 1988	1994
Dana P. Vaughn	Joined 1943 Resigned 1945	1944
Garret D. W. Vroom Judge, NJ Court of Errors and Appeals	Founding Member 1904 President 1904-05 Died 1914	1904, 1906, 1909
Frederick J. Wallace Director, Trenton Junior College	Joined 1946 Resigned 1948	
John D. Wallace President, New Jersey National Bank	Joined 1977 Resigned 1982	

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John H. Walther President, New Jersey National Bank	Joined 1973 Resigned 1980	1974
Edward F. Walton Fell and Moon Insurance	Joined 1972 Vice President 1976-77 President 1977-78 Died 2001	1977
Roscoe L. West President, State Teachers College, Hillwood Lakes	Joined 1926 Vice President 1937 President 1938 Honorary Member 1973 Died 1979	1935
Zephaniah West	Joined 1953 Resigned 1959	
W. Enos Wetzel President, W.E. Wetzel and Company	Joined 1936 Vice President 1944, 1969-70 President 1970-71 Honorary Member 1977 Resigned 1982	
William A. Wetzel, Ph.D. Principal, Trenton High School	Joined 1925 Vice President 1935 President 1936 Died 1951	1926, 1932, 1935, 1942
Edwin B. Whelan	Joined 1975 Vice President 1983-84 President 1984-85 Died 1996	1977
John Whitehead The Home Rubber Company	Joined 1984 vice President 1989-90 President 1990-91 Resigned 2001	
John Van Buren Wicoff President, Broad Street National Bank	Joined 1930 Vice President 1940 President 1941 Died 1952	1931

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Kembel Widmer, M.D. Assistant Geologist, State of New Jersey	Joined 1981 Resigned 1994	1957, 1982, 1990
Harry D. Williams	Joined 1946 Died 1955	
John A. Williams	Joined 1968 Died 1968	
Gill Robb Wilson, D.D. Director of Aviation, State of New Jersey	Joined 1939 Resigned 1941	1937, 1940, 1950
Ernst C. Winther Former Manager, General Motors Acceptance Corp.	Joined 1967 Died 1981	
Albert W. Wishart Pastor, Trenton Central Baptist Church	Founding Member 1904 Resigned 1906	1905
Armour C. Wood, V.M.D.	Joined 1981 Died 1989	
John C. Wood, M.D.	Joined 1971 Vice President 1999-00 President 2000-01 Current Member (as of 2006)	1972, 1982
Edward R. Woods	Joined 1985 Resigned 1994	
John P. Wooldridge	Joined 1951 Resigned 1954	1959
Levon D. Yazujian Ophthalmologic Surgeon	Joined 1989 Current Member (as of 2006)	
Frederick A. Zoda Partner, Sperry, Zoda and Kane, Patent Attorneys.	Joined 1983 Secretary/Treasurer 1985-87 President 1987-88 Resigned 1995	



## Appendix 6 - Programs

Symposium Members' Names are in *Italic*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>1905</b>		
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Linton Satterthwaite</i> <i>Counselor at Law</i>	<i>Divorce</i>
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Foster C. Griffith</i>	The Negro Problem
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Alfred W. Wishart</i> <i>Pastor, Central Baptist Church</i>	The Charity Problem
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry McBride</i> <i>Director, Trenton School of Industrial Arts</i>	Municipal Art
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>James M. Green, Ph.D, LL.D</i> <i>Principal, State Normal School at Trenton</i>	The Relation of the State to Higher Education
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William M. Lanning, LL.D</i> <i>Judge, United States Circuit Court</i>	The Place of Religion in the State
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry Collin Minton, D.D., LL.D</i> <i>Pastor, First Presbyterian Church</i>	Samuel Taylor Coleridge - A Study
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Hamilton Schuyler</i> <i>Rector, Trinity Church</i>	Romanism and American Institutions
<b>1906</b>		
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Garret D. W. Vroom</i> <i>Judge, New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals</i>	Sidelights on Early New Jersey History
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William A. Clark, M.D.</i>	Is the Criminal Morally Responsible?
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lawson Purdy Secretary, the New York Tax Reform Association	The Single Tax
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Adam Strohm</i> <i>Librarian, Trenton Free Public Library</i>	The Services of the Trenton Public Library
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Hugh H. Hamill</i> <i>President, Trenton Trust &amp; Safe Deposit Company</i>	Seismic Disturbances

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	James Morris Whiton, Ph.D Editorial Staff, The Outlook	The Ethics of Money
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frederick H. Clark, NJ Artist</i>	The Indifference of Americans to Art
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Neil Robert Montgomery</i>	Richard Wagner
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William Cloke</i> <i>Correspondent, New York Herald</i>	The Ethics of Journalism
<b>1907</b>		
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Linton Satterthwaite</i> <i>Counselor at Law</i>	The Fundamental Injustice of our Primary Election Law
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lucien Hugh Alexander, Ph.D. Author, "Life of James Wilson"	James Wilson, the Nation Builder
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	James B. Dill Judge, New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals	The Corporation Laws of New Jersey, Past and Present
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	William J. Ghent	Socialism
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William Libbey, D.Sc.</i> <i>Professor of Physical Geography,</i> <i>Princeton University</i>	The Panama Canal
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frank Forrest Frederick</i> <i>Director, Trenton School of</i> <i>Industrial Art</i>	A Plain Talk on Art
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Washington A. Roebling, C.E.</i> <i>President, John A. Roebling;s</i> <i>Sons Co.(with S. H. Hamilton)</i>	Minerals
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>James M. Green, Ph.D., LL.D.</i> <i>Principal, State Normal School</i> <i>at Trenton</i>	The Function of a Normal School
<b>1908</b>		
January 6 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Hamilton Schuyler</i> <i>Rector, Trinity Church</i>	Sunday Observance Considered Historically and Practically
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	William M. Reed	The Moon
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry Collin Minton, D.D., LL.D</i> <i>Pastor, First Presbyterian Church</i>	The Pope's Recent Encyclical on Modernism

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May 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William M. Lanning, LL.D</i> <i>Judge, United States Circuit Court</i>	Our National Altruism
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William Cloke</i> <i>Correspondent, New York Herald</i>	An International Government
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No Meeting	
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Adam Strohm</i> <i>Librarian, Trenton Free Public Library</i>	The Old and the New
<b>1909</b>		
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry A. Cotton, M.D.</i> <i>Medical Director, NJ State Hospital at Trenton</i>	Mental Hygiene
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward C. Stokes, LL.D.</i> <i>Former Governor, State of New Jersey</i>	Railroad Taxation
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William Libbey, D.Sc.</i> <i>Professor of Physical Geography, Princeton University</i>	A Glimpse of Spain
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Scott Scammell</i> <i>Counselor at Law</i>	New Jersey's Railroad Commission
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry Jones Ford</i> <i>Professor of Politics, Princeton University</i>	Direct Primaries
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Hardin Craig, Ph.D. Preceptor in English, Princeton University	Modern Theories of Prose Style
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Hamilton Schuyler</i> <i>Rector, Trinity Church</i>	The Religions Census, With Some Observations Upon the Same
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Garret D. W. Vroom</i> <i>Judge, New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals</i>	Is Change in the Present Mode of Electing U.S. Senators Called For?
<b>1910</b>		
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Foster C. Griffith</i>	The Autobiography of the Late Nathaniel Southgate Shaler, Naturalist and Humanist
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Henry H. Goddard, Ph.D. Vineland Training School for Feeble-Minded Children	A New Method of Studying the Causes of Dependency and Crime
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Scott Scammell</i> <i>Counselor at Law</i>	The Recent Expansion of Federal Power

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April 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward R. Johnstone Superintendent, Vineland Training School for Feeble-Minded Children</i>	The Hundredth Child
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Winthrop M. Daniels Professor of Political Economy, Princeton University</i>	The Social Bearings of the Law of Natural Selection
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward C. Stokes, LL.D. Former Governor, State of New Jersey</i>	A State's Crisis
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frederick H. Clark, NJ Artist</i>	Impressionism in Art
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry A. Cotton, M.D. Medical Director, NJ State Hospital at Trenton</i>	Modern Conceptions of Psychic Reactions
<b>1911</b>		
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William Libbey, D.Sc. Professor of Physical Geography, Princeton University</i>	Astronomical Climate
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>James M. Green, Ph.D., LL.D. Principal, State Normal School at Princeton</i>	Is Our Education Fundamental?
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Linton Satterthwaite Counselor at Law</i>	Why Any Primaries?
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William M. Lanning, LL.D. Judge, United States Circuit Court</i>	The American Division of Governmental Powers
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Henry Jones Ford Professor of Politics, Princeton University</i>	City Government
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No Meeting	
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Hamilton Schuyler Rector, Trinity Church</i>	The Origin and Evolution of Hebrew Theism
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William Libbey, D.Sc. Professor of Physical Geography, Princeton University</i>	Modern Archeology and the Hexateuch
<b>1912</b>		
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>John A. Campbell President, Trenton Potteries Company</i>	Personal Experience With a Modern Labor Union

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry Collin Minton, D.D., LL.D. Pastor, First Presbyterian Church</i>	John Calvin, Lawyer
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Evan M. Johnson, Jr. Major, US Infantry</i>	The Philosophy of War
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William A. Clark, MD</i>	Medical Problems and Progress
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Winthrop M. Daniels, Ph.D. Professor of Political Economy, Princeton University</i>	The Regulation of Public Utilities
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Evan M. Johnson, Jr. Major, US Infantry</i>	The Military Policy of the United States
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry A. Cotton, MD Medical Director, NJ State Hospital at Trenton</i>	Practical Eugenics
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward C. Stokes, LL.D. Former Governor, State of New Jersey</i>	Some Reflections on the Campaign
<b>1913</b>		
January 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Samuel T. Dutton, LL.D. Professor of School Administration, Teachers' College</i>	The Peace Movement
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frederick W. Gnichtel Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Mercer County</i>	Workmen's Compensation
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>John J. Cleary Editorial Writer, Trenton Times-Advertiser</i>	New Journalism
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry C. Moore Vice President, Mercer Hospital Association</i>	Hospital Management
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edwin Grant Conklin, Ph.D., D.Sc. Professor of Biology, Princeton University</i>	Responsibility
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frank Forrest Frederick Director, Trenton School of Industrial Arts</i>	What is the Matter with the Public Schools?
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry A. Cotton, MD Medical Director, NJ State Hospital at Trenton</i>	Criminal Responsibility of the Insane

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December 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry W. Green</i> Member, Board of Trustees of Princeton University	The Graduate School, Princeton University
1914		
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Howard C. Warren, Ph.D. Professor of Psychology, Princeton University	The Mental and Physical
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Robert McElroy, Ph.D. Professor of American History, Princeton University	Andrew Jackson and the Annexation of Texas
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Hamilton Schuyler</i> Rector, Trinity Church	Commercialized Vice
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Herbert Adams Gibbons, Ph.D. Sometime Professor in Robert College, Constantinople	The Present Situation in the Balkan States
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Linton Satterthwaite</i> Counselor at Law	Our Obsolescent Representative System
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry Clinton Minton, D.D., LL.D</i> Pastor, First Presbyterian Church	The War in Europe.
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Scott Scammell</i> Counselor at Law	A New Federal Power
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Charles E. Hewitt, C.E</i> American Society of Civil Engineers	Economic Waste as Related to Hard Times
<b>1915</b>		
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward C. Stokes, LL.D</i> Former Governor, State of New Jersey	Peace.
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William Libbey, D.Sc.</i> Professor of Physical Geography, Princeton University	A Scientific Discussion of the Dayton Flood of 1913
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Alfred Ree</i> Former Justice, Supreme Court of New Jersey	A Lawyer's Reminiscences <i>d</i>
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Henry B. Kummel, Ph.D. State Geologist of New Jersey	Geological Factors Which Have Affected the Development of Trenton
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Edward W. Kemmerer, Ph.D. Professor of Economics and Finance, Princeton University	The Federal Reserve Banking System

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October 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward L. Katzenbach</i> <i>Counselor at Law</i>	Present Day Thought as Interpreted in Verse
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>John P. Dullard</i> <i>State Librarian of New Jersey</i>	Some Phases of Taxation
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	John Schoonover, Colonel, Eleventh New Jersey Volunteers	Some Untold Happenings in the Campaign at Appomattox
<b>1916</b>		
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Raymond B. Fitz Randolph, MD Assistant Director, NJ Department of Health	Some New Aspects of Public Health Work
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>James M. Green, Ph.D. LL.D.</i> <i>Principal, State Normal School at Trenton</i>	Some Features of the New Jersey Public School System and Their Significance
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Otto Kinkeldey, Ph.D. Chief of the Music Division, New York Public Library	Modern Song Music with a Special Reference to Hugo Wolf
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	George Madison Priest, Ph.D. Professor of Germanic Languages and Literature, Princeton University	The Rise of the Modern German Political Parties
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Frank Weitenkampf, L.H.D. Curator of Prints, New York Public Library	The Appeal of the Etching
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No Meeting	
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Alfred Reed</i>	Informal Discussion by the Members of the Future of the Society
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Linton Satterthwaite</i> <i>Counselor at Law</i>	The League to Enforce Peace
<b>1917</b>		
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	George W. Goethals, LL.D. Major General, US Army and Chief Engineer of the Panama Canal	Slides of the Panama Canal
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>John J. Cleary</i> <i>Editorial Writer,</i> <i>Trenton Times-Advertiser</i>	What Shall We Do With Our Murderers?
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward C. Stokes, LL.D.</i> <i>Former Governor, State of New Jersey</i>	Banks and Banking

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April 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry A. Cotton, MD Medical Director, NJ State Hospital at Trenton</i>	The Relation of Focal Infections to the Health of the Individual
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Charles W. Barber Adjutant General of New Jersey	Conscription
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frederick W. Gnichtel Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Mercer County</i>	Municipal Home Rule
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Howard L. Hughes, Librarian, Trenton Free Public Library</i>	To What Extent Shall Public Libraries Direct or Censor the Reading of Fiction?
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Linton Satterthwaite Councillor at Law</i>	Free Speech in War Time
<b>1918</b>		
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Hamilton Schuyler Rector, Trinity Church</i>	Is War a Necessary Factor in Civilization?
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frank Forrest Frederick Director, Trenton School of Industrial Arts</i>	Development of Citizenship Through the Manual Arts
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Herman C. Mueller, President, Mueller Mosaic Company</i>	Industrial School Training from the Standpoint of a Worker
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Joseph L. Bodin Judge, United States District Court</i>	Current War Legislation
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Max Reich Minister, Society of Friends	Zionism
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Jerohn J. Savits, Ph.D. Principal, State Normal School at Trenton</i>	What is the Matter With Our Schools?
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>George N. J. Summer, MD Fellow, American College of Surgeons</i>	Advances in Surgery Resulting from the Great War
<b>1919</b>		
January 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Alfred N. Barber, Secretary, NJ Department of Public Utility</i>	Recent Problems of Public Utility Regulation
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>James Kerney Editor, Trenton Times</i>	My Recent Experience in France

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March 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frederick E. Stockwell</i> <i>Pastor, Third Presbyterian Church</i>	The Missing Link in Modern Education
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	W. H. Vail, MD	How to Live
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William Libbey, Dr.S.</i> <i>Professor of Physical Geography,</i> <i>Princeton University</i>	A Year With Uncle Sam
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Albert J. Collison	The Individual and Social Evolution of Man and His Body
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>John A. Campbell, President,</i> <i>Trenton Potteries Company</i>	Selective Service From Personal Observation
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward M. Hunt</i> <i>Counselor at Law</i>	Some Incidents of Red Cross Work in France
<b>1920</b>		
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward L. Katzenbach</i> <i>Counselor at Law</i>	A Modern Political Influence
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>John J. Cleary, Editorial Writer,</i> <i>Trenton Times-Advertiser</i>	America's Interest in the Irish Question
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frank Forrest Frederick, Director,</i> <i>Trenton School of Industrial Arts</i>	Color
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Hamilton Schuyler</i> <i>Rector, Trinity Church</i>	Some Reasons for the Unpopularity of the Church
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Alfred K. Leukel, President, Mercer County Board of Assessment	Taxation and the County Tax Board
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Peter K. Emmons, Pastor,</i> <i>First Presbyterian Church</i>	The Place of the Church in the Community
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Herman C. Mueller, President,</i> <i>Mueller Mosaic Company</i>	Development and Influence of Ornament
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	A. W. Perelstrous	Russia, Past and Present
<b>1921</b>		
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Linton Satterthwaite</i> <i>Counselor at Law</i>	The Betrayal of Constitutional Government by Its Avowed Friends
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Joseph L. Bodine, Judge,</i> <i>United States District Court</i>	Some Facts and Figures Concerning the Nationalities of Persons Appearing Before the US District Court

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March 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>George N. J. Sommer, MD</i> <i>Fellow, American College of Surgeons</i>	Radium
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frederick C. Carstarphen, E.M.</i> <i>Civil, Mechanical and</i> <i>Mining Engineer</i>	The Genesis of Ore Deposits with Comments on Carnotite
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Howard C. Butler Professor of History of Architecture, Princeton University	The Deserted Cities of the Syrian Desert
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Hamilton Schuyler</i> <i>Rector, Trinity Church</i>	The Religion of the Future: A Forecast
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Capps, Ph.D., LL.D., Litt.D. Professor of Classics, Princeton University	Recent Political History in Greece
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry A. Cotton, MD,</i> <i>Medical Director,</i> <i>NJ State Hospital at Trenton</i>	Cause and Treatment of Mental Disorders
<b>1922</b>		
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frederick C. Carstarphen, E.M.</i> <i>Civil, Mechanical and</i> <i>Mining Engineer</i>	Coal and its Derivatives
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frank Forrest Frederick, Director,</i> <i>Trenton School of Industrial Arts</i> with George A. Bradshaw	Modern Reproductive Processes in Art, Particularly Etching
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	John B. W. Gardiner, Civil Engineer, Military Expert for the NY Times	Present and Future Results of the Washington Conference
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	William J. Bickett Superintendent of Schools, Trenton	The Essentials of Public School Education
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Roland S. Morris, LL.D. Former US Ambassador to Japan	Some Aspects of the Russian Situation
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No Meeting	
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	James C. R. Ewing, D.D., LL.D. Former Vice Chancellor of the University of Punjab	Political Unrest in India
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Herman Adams Gibbons, Ph.D. Sometime Professor in Robert College, Constantinople	Political Conditions in Europe with Particular Reference to the Problems of the Near East

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<b>1923</b>		
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	A. J. Skean	The Work of the Near East Relief
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frederick C. Carstarphen, E.M. Civil, Mechanical and Mining Engineer</i>	My Recent Trip to South America
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry A. Cotton, MD Medical Director, NJ State Hospital at Trenton</i>	Book Plates
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Herman C. Mueller, President, Mueller Mosaic Company</i>	The Psychology of Modern Labor
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	David Lawrence, President, Consolidated Press Association	National Politics
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry Collin Minton, Jr. Counselor at Law</i>	The Philosophy of the Common Law
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edgar M. Hunt Counselor at Law</i>	What I Saw in Germany
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	<i>James Kerney Editor, Trenton Times</i>	The Liberal Press, A Constructive Force in America
<b>1924</b>		
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	William John Ellis, Psychologist, NJ Department of Institutions and Agencies	Mental Measurement
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Malcolm G. Buchana Vice Chancellor of New Jersey</i>	The Court of Chancery
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Edward R. Johnstone, M.Sc. Superintendent, Vineland Training School for Feeble-Minded Children	What Normal People May Learn from the Feeble-Minded
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frederick C. Carstarphen, E.M. Civil, Mechanical and Mining Engineer</i>	The Zoning of Municipalities with Particular Reference to Trenton
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Clifford M. Holland, B.S. in C.E. Chief Engineer of the New York and New Jersey Interstate Bridge and Tunnel Commission	The Building of the Interstate Vehicular Tunnel
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Alphonso Arbib-Costa Asst. Professor, College of the City of New York	The Present Crisis in Italy

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November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Edward H. Rockwell, C.E. Dean of Engineering, Rutgers University	The History of Engineering
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Henry A. Cotton, MD, Medical Director, NJ State Hospital at Trenton</i>	Psycho-Analysis: What It Is, What It Claims, and What It Is Not
<b>1925</b>		
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>D. Parry Forst Symposium Member</i>	Developments in Ceramic Manufacture
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>George N. J. Sommer, M.D. Fellow, American College of Surgeons</i>	Hobbies: Their Therapeutic Value
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Charles H. Brown Former Congressman	Some Reflections on Congressional Practice
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Hamilton Schuyler Rector, Trinity Church, Trenton</i>	Athletic Games and Sports Considered from an Ethical Standpoint
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	General Hugh L. Scot	tThe Sign Language of the American Indian
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	John H. Logan New Jersey Commissioner of Education	Problems of the Commission of Education
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Elmer L. Shaffer, M.D.	The Place of the Laboratory in Medicine
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Hamilton Schuyler Rector, Trinity Church, Trenton</i>	Religious Beginnings in Trenton: An Historical Paper
<b>1926</b>		
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Leroy A. Wilkes	Some Observations on Austria
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William A. Wetzel, Ph.D. Principal, Trenton High School</i>	Reflections of a High School Principal After Twenty-Five Years of Service
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frank Graham Holmes Chief Designer, Lennox, Inc.</i>	Modern Decorative Art at the Paris Exposition
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf Superintendent, New Jersey State Police	The Work of the State Police in New Jersey
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Walter L. Whittlesey Professor, Princeton University	The Spirit of '76 and the Bunk of '26: Being Some Observations on the Declaration of Independence

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October 18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William Libbey, D.Sc.</i> <i>Professor of Physical Geography,</i> <i>Princeton University</i>	Reflections of a Globe Trotter
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	H. E. C. Liu, Ph.D. Educational Secretary, National Committee of the YMCA	The Present Crisis in China
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>James Kerney</i> <i>Editor, Trenton Times</i>	Back From the Wild West
<b>1927</b>		
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	John W. Bishop, Jr.	Some Survivals of Primitive Ideas in Modern Thought
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Narayan Krishna, Ph.D. A Native of India	The Message of the East to the West
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Leland O. Howard, PH.D. Chief, Bureau of Entomology, US Department of Agriculture	Work of the US Bureau of Entomology
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Grant Conklin, Ph.D. Professor, Princeton University	Why Teach Education?
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>James Kerney</i> <i>Editor, Trenton Times</i>	European Affairs
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>James R. Barber</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	The Citizen and the Law
<b>1928</b>		
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Herman C. Mueller, President</i> <i>Mueller Mosaic Company</i>	Industrial Education
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	George B. Ford, Vice President Technical Advisory Corporation	City Planning: The Future of Trenton
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Charles W. Kennedy, Chairman Faculty Committee of Athletics, Princeton University	The Benefits of Amateur Sport
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wesley A. O'Leary, Assistant New Jersey Commissioner of Education and Mr. Mason, Superintendent, Vocational School of Patterson, NJ	Vocational Education, The Patterson and County Plans

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May 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward W. Kemmerer, Ph.D.</i> <i>Professor of Economics and Finance,</i> <i>Princeton University</i>	Experiences in Advising on Currency Adjustments in Other Countries
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Charles H. Browne Princeton	Trip to Spain by Sailboat
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Charles P. Messick, Secretary New Jersey Civil Service Commission	Selecting Personnel for Public Positions
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Harlan Updegraff, Ph.D.	Progressive Education and the New Jersey School Survey
<b>1929</b>		
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Colonel Russel C. Langdon, USA	The Place of the Reserve Corps in our National Defense
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward C. Stokes, LL.D.</i> <i>Former Governor, State of New Jersey</i>	A Visit to Cuba
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Jay B. Tomlinson</i> <i>Solicitor, Township of Chesterfield</i>	The Romance of Bordentown's History
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>John N. Brooks</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	The Water Supply Situation in New Jersey
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Colonel Ralph Heywood Isham	Manuscripts of the Celebrated James Boswell
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Harold W. Close, Ph.D. Professor of Chemistry, Syrian Protestant College, Beirut	Affairs of Syria
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Abraham Epstein, Secretary American Association for Old Age Security	Work of the American Association for Old Age Security
<b>1930</b>		
January 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Herman C. Mueller, President</i> <i>Mueller Mosaic Company</i>	Impressions I Received During a Visit to Germany
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Harold W. Dodds, Ph.D. Professor, Princeton University	Municipal Problems Concerning the City of Trenton, with Special Reference to the Annexation of Adjacent Territory
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Captain Charles H. Jones	Moving Pictures of the New Hudson River Bridge

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April 21 <sup>st</sup>	David Fernsler New Jersey Director of the Associated Press	Tasks and Accomplishments of the Associated Press
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ellis Ames Ballard Philadelphia Attorney	Literary Items Associated with Rudyard Kipling
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Herbert Adams Gibbons, Ph.D. Professor in Robert College, Constantinople	International Relations
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rufus S. Tucker, Ph.D.	The Unhappy Economic State of Affairs Throughout the World
<b>1931</b>		
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Michail M. Dorizas, Ph.D. Asst. Professor of Geography, University of Pennsylvania	Modern Russia and Its Problems
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>James R. Barber</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	The Early Settlement of Pennsylvania
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>John Van Buren Wicoff</i> <i>President, Broad Street National Bank</i>	Modern Production of Milk
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Louis Stern Member of the New Jersey Bar	Personal Collection of Etchings
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	General Jay J. Morrow Former Governor of the Panama Canal Zone	Operation of the Panama Canal Zone
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frank D. Schroth</i> <i>Publisher, The Brooklyn Daily Eagle</i>	A Recent Visit to Russia
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Louis G. Beers</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	Some Observations on Investing Money
<b>1932</b>		
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>J. Duncan Spaeth, Ph.D.</i> <i>Professor of English,</i> <i>Princeton University</i>	Edgar Lee Masters' Challenge of Contemporary America
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	H. Alexander Smith Princeton	Recent Observations on Conditions in Southeastern Europe

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March 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Charles E. Bain, Jr.</i> <i>Alfred P. S. Bellis</i> <i>Herman Mueller</i> <i>Edward C. Stokes, LL.D.</i> <i>William A. Wetzel, Ph.D.</i> <i>Discussion Leaders</i>	Open Discussion of the Pressing Problems of Unemployment
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mather Almon Abbott, M.D.</i> <i>Paul Loser</i> <i>H. Arthur Smith</i> <i>J. Duncan Spaeth, Ph.D.</i> <i>Discussion Leaders</i>	Open Discussion of Scholastic and Collegiate Athletics
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Jacob G. Lipman, Ph.D. Dean of the Agricultural College, Rutgers University	The Land Factor in Our Economic System
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>D. Parry Forst</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	Discussion on the Recent Election with Talking Moving Pictures of the Candidates; Also a Discussion of the Question of Prohibition
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	
<b>1933</b>		
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Labatut, Ph.D. School of Architecture, Princeton University	Architecture in France
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Harry A. Franck Travel Author	A Vagabond Journey Down the Andes
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Harold W. Dodds Professor, Princeton University	The Possibilities of Economy in the State Government
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>H. Arthur Smith</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	Review of Moulton and Paszolsky's "War Debts and World Prosperity"
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Theodore Leslie Shear, Ph.D. Professor, Classical Archeology, Princeton University	Excavations in Ancient Athenian Agora
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Abraham S. W. Rosenbach, M.D.	Old and Rare Books

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December 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>J. Duncan Spaeth, Ph.D.</i> Professor of English, Princeton University	Germany Under Hitler
<b>1934</b>		
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	A. Crozer Reeves State Senator	Taxes
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	E. Budd Marter Edgewater Park, NJ	Big Game Hunting in Alaska
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	G.R. Ottinger The Bell Telephone Company	A History of Communication
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Whitney Darrow Vice President, Charles Scribner's Sons	Publishers' Problems
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Cornelius Weygandt, Ph.D. Professor of English, University of Pennsylvania	Folk Art of the Pennsylvania Dutch
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Edward R. Johnstone, M.Sc. Superintendent, Vineland Training School	Methods of Handling Mentally Incompetents
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	James Gerald Smith, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Economics, Princeton University	Economic Planning and the Tariff
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Karl Scholz, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Pennsylvania	An Entertaining Address
<b>1935</b>		
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	George Madison Priest, Ph.D. Professor of Germanic Languages and Literature, Princeton University	Modern German Youth
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Harlan H. Miller Asst. Professor of Sociology, New Jersey State Teachers College	Lincoln as a Politician
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf Superintendent, New Jersey State Police	Some Interesting Aspects of State Police Activities
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	W. L. Eikenberry, Ph.D. Chairman, Department of Science, New Jersey State Teachers College	The Calendar: Its History and Probable Future

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May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Sampson, Ph.D. Chairman, Department of Geology, Princeton University	Mineral Resources and International Relations
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Roscoe L. West, Ph.D. President, State Teachers College at Hillwood Lakes</i>	Open Discussion
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William A. Wetzel, Ph.D .Principal, Trenton High School</i>	Observations in Scandinavia
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Paul Morton, City Manager, City of Trenton</i>	Police Radio Communications
<b>1936</b>		
January 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>John G. Connor Symposium Member</i>	A Modern Exodus: Return of the Hebrews to Palestine
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William John Ellis, Commissioner New Jersey Social Security Commission</i>	The Recommendations of the New Jersey Social Security Commission
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Dana Gardner Monro, Ph.D.	Impressions on a Recent Visit to South America
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>George N. J. Sommer, MD Fellow, American College of Surgeons</i>	Fifty Years of Surgery: Then and Now
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>J. Duncan Spaeth, Professor of English, Princeton University</i>	Thirty-One Years of Princeton Teaching - Where are We Heading?
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Georg Roemmert, M.D.	Micro-Organisms Found in Water and Food and Their Struggle for Existence
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lincoln Satterthwaite, Jr. University of Pennsylvania	The Purpose and Some Methods of Maya Archeology
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Friebis Siegfried, Art Teacher Trenton Senior High School	The Influence of the Christian Story on Art in General and its Symbolic Interpretations
<b>1937</b>		
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	J. Douglas Brown, Ph.D. Department of Economics, Princeton University	Unemployment Insurance
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Gill Robb Wilson, D.D. Director of Aviation, State of New Jersey</i>	The Relative Merits of Heavier Than Air and Lighter Than Air Aviation

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March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Alpheus T. Mason, Ph.D. Professor of Politics, Princeton University	The President's Plan to Increase the Supreme Court
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Colonel Richard Stockton, VIA	Practical Program to Correct Economic Evils
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Rollo Walter Brown Neighbor of Edwin Arlington Robinson, an American Poet	Next Door to a Poet
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	F. C. Tarr, Ph.D. Chairman of the Spanish Department, Princeton University	The Spanish Paradox: Remarks on the Nature and Background of the Present Struggle in Spain
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	George Madison Priest, Ph.D. Professor of Germanic Languages and Literature, Princeton University	Conditions in Germany at the Present Time
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Major Walter D. McCord, USA Professor, Military Science Bordentown Military Institute	The Organization of the Army and Its Peacetime Activities
<b>1938</b>		
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Gerald Wendt, Ph.D. Director of the American Institute of New York	The Science Back of the News
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Charles R. Rounds, Professor State Teachers College at Hillwood Lakes</i>	Current Issues as Reflected in Current Literature
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	David Morton, Ph.D. Professor of English, Amhearst College	Poetry
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Charles P. Wilber State Forester	State Parks
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Carlton Palmer, Ph.D.	The Joy of Pictures
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Charles H. Browne Princeton	The History and Science of Cooking
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Hugh Sellon	The British Empire and the Modern World
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Leroy Wilkes, M.D. Executive Officer, Medical Society of New Jersey	The Problem of Socialized Medicine

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<b>1939</b>		
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Miller D. Steever, Ph.D. Professor of Law and Government, Lafayette College	Review of the Current Pulitzer Prize Book "The Life of Andrew Jackson"
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	David Irwin	Lone Journey from Nome, Alaska to the Hudson Bay
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Malcolm G. Buchanan</i> <i>Vice Chancellor of New Jersey</i>	What the Law Means to the Layman
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Eugene Lora Clerk of the Court of Pardons of New Jersey	Procedures of the Court of Pardons
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Albert H. Gilmer Professor of Grammatics, Lafayette College	Lafayette, the Man
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Samuel Guy Inman, Ph.D.	The Social and Economic Condition of the Latin American Countries
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cleveland P. Grant	Wild Bird Life
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	George Madison Priest, Ph.D. Professor of Germanic Languages and Literature, Princeton University	Germany of Today
<b>1940</b>		
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Frank Palmer United States Housing Authority	Federal Housing
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Norbert Considine Honorary Consul in Philadelphia for Finland	Finland Faces Russia
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Henry B. Kummel, Ph.D. Former Director, New Jersey Department of Conservation and Development	Result of Recent Soundings of the Ocean Floor Off New Jersey
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Captain Robert Dawson Chief Pilot, United Air Lines	The Development of Modern Air Transportation
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Arthur D. Healey, Member House of Representatives from Massachusetts	Committee Report to the House of Representatives on the National Labor Relations Board
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Gill Robb Wilson, D.D.</i> <i>Director of Aviation,</i> <i>State of New Jersey</i>	The Present State of Aviation in America

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November 18 <sup>th</sup>	S. D. Paige, Engineer The Bell Telephone Company	Stepping Off Into Space
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	G. P. Bronisch, LL.D. Executive Vice President, Loyal Americans of German Descent	Is There Another Germany?
<b>1941</b>		
January 13 <sup>th</sup>	Adelbert K. Potts, Ph.D. Geography Department, New Jersey State Teachers College	The Significance of New Zealand in the Present World Situation
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	James R. Gordon	Greece and the Drama of Democracy
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Virgil Kauffman, Ph.D.</i> <i>President, Aero Service Corporation</i>	Aerial Mapping
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Theodore Leslie Shear, Ph.D. Director, Princeton Excavations in the Agora at Athens	American Discoveries in Ancient Athens
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>J. Duncan Spaeth, Ph.D.</i> <i>Professor of English,</i> <i>Princeton University</i>	A Pre-War Trip to Finland
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Albert H. Gilmer Professor of Grammatics, Lafayette College	An American Looks at Mexico
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Willard F. McDonald Special Assistant to Chief, United States Weather Bureau	Weatherwise and Otherwise
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wilbur H. York, M.D., Chairman Department of Health and Physical Education, Princeton University	Health Work Among University Students
<b>1942</b>		
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	George M. Krall Science Department, Trenton High School	A Year in Hawaii
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>William A. Wetzel, Ph.D.</i> <i>Principal, Trenton High School</i>	Teaching Religion in Public Schools or a Course in Human Relations
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Honorable J. Parnell Thomas Member, House of Representatives	Is Our War Program Being Endangered?
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Lewis W. Link</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	The Research Groups at Princeton

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May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Phillip K. Kitti, Ph.D.	The Arab and Moslem World and its Relation to the Present Conflict
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>John N. Brooks</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	A Facet of New Jersey History - Potable Water Supply
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	William A. Hughes New Hope, PA	Experiences as a Test and Ferry Pilot
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ensign Thomas Gorman	The Naval Training School at Princeton University
<b>1943</b>		
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Douglas Newton Forman, M.D. New Jersey State Hospital	Background of the Present Political Struggle in India
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Hubert N. Alyea, Ph.D. Professor of Chemistry, Princeton University	Man-Made Military Molecules
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Captain Ralph C. Parker, USN Commandant, Naval Training School at Princeton	Up-To-Date Events in Alaska
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	John Goette	China's Place in the Future
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Carl Van Doren	Benjamin Franklin Founds the American Philosophical Society
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	H. T. Liu	Post-War Problems in China With Particular Reference to Labor
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Douglas M. MacNeil	Juvenile Delinquency
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Giles Playfair Malayan Broadcasting Corporation	The Last Days of Singapore
<b>1944</b>		
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Edward M. Kemmerer, Ph.D. Professor of Economics and Finance, Princeton University	Inflation
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	J. W. Crosby Thiokol Corporation	Synthetic Rubber and Some of its Problems
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Robert Johnston McMullin Acting President, Hangchow University, Shanghai	The Chinese-Japanese Situation
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	William H. Martin, Ph.D. Dean, New Jersey Agriculture College	The Food Outlook

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	William Mather Lewis, Ph.D. President, Lafayette College	Pan-American Friendship - The Test of Democracy
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fritz Kunz Port Chester, NY	Problems of Freedom in a Modern World
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Dana P. Vaughan</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	Some Call It Art
December 4 <sup>th</sup>		Fortieth Anniversary Program
	<i>Howard L. Hughes</i> <i>Librarian, Trenton Free Public Library</i>	History of the Symposium for the Past Forty Years
	<i>George N. J. Sommer, M.D.</i> <i>Fellow, American College of Surgeons</i>	Medical Progress During the Past Forty Years
<b>1945</b>		
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William John Ellis, Psychologist</i> <i>NJ Department of Institutions and Agencies</i>	Changes of Emphasis in Social Welfare During the Past Forty Years
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	James S. Shinn, Ph.D.	Korea: Past, Present and Future
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bienvenido N. Santos Editor, "The Philippines"	The Philippines - Economic and Political Problems
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Spencer Miller, Jr. NJ State Highway Commissioner	Post-War Planning in Great Britain and the United States
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	John Scott War Correspondent for Time and Life Magazines	Russia and the World Situation
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Hugh Mehorter	The Historical Heritage of Old South Jersey
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Charlton Beck Author and Staff of Rutgers University	The Far-Away Across Your Doorsill
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Major Roger Baumler, USAAF Former Member of the Flying Tigers	The United States and the Army
<b>1946</b>		
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph L. Bustard Asst. Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Education	Laws Against Discrimination
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Sidney Goldman</i> <i>Librarian, State of New Jersey</i>	Morven and the Stockton Family

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March 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward C. Rose</i> <i>Brigadier General, USA</i>	India
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Alden T. Cottrell, Director State Department of Conservation and Economic Development	A Tour of New Jersey's Forests
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ivor Griffith, M.D., President Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science	Highlights of Some Human Habits
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	W. A. Scharffenberg, Ph.D.	Transition of Japan Through Education
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Sandford Bates, Director</i> <i>State Department of Institutions</i> <i>and Agencies</i>	Experiences on a Recent Visit to Europe
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Julian P. Boyd, Ph.D. Librarian of Princeton University	Thomas Jefferson
<b>1947</b>		
January 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>John S. Bosshart, Ph.D.</i> <i>Commissioner, NJ Department of</i> <i>Education</i>	What is Really Happening in Education?
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>James Kerney, Jr.</i> <i>Editor, Trenton Times</i>	The State of Affairs in Germany
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gavin S. Casey Director of Australian News and Information Bureau of the United States	Australia Today
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Robert C. Clothier, Ph.D. President, Rutgers University	Education and Survival
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Goddard Leach, President American Scandinavian Foundation	Scandinavian Versus American Democracy
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Walter I. Wright, Ph.D. Princeton University	The Near East and World Peace
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	E. D. Grizzell, Ph.D. Professor of Secondary Education, University of Pennsylvania	Education for All American Youth
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Major Russell A. Snook	What Happens in Enemy Countries After Hostilities Cease?
<b>1948</b>		
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	S. A. Waksman, M.D. Rutgers University	Progress in Combating Diseases with Micro-Biotics

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	George S. Morrison, President Trenton Travel Service	The Travel Agent Needs an Aspirin
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert W. Criscuolo Counselor-at-Law	Experiences of a Country Lawyer
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Edward B. Dolton Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Beane	The Brokerage Business and Public Relations
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harold B. Wells Judge of the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals	The Secret Life of Walter Mitty
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Charles A. Collins	Agriculture Keeps Pace with the Times
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charles A. Malloy, Counsel New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Commission	Some New Concepts in Unemployment Insurance
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Howard T. Critchlow, Chief Engineer, NJ Division of Water Policy and Supply	New Jersey's Water Problems
<b>1949</b>		
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	C. M. Jochem, Superintendent New Jersey School for the Deaf	Education of Handicapped Children
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Merideth E. Johnson</i> <i>New Jersey State Geologist</i>	Mineral Resources of New Jersey
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Blair Birdsall Assistant Bridge Engineer John A. Roebling Sons Company	Recent Suspension Bridge History
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Major Robert W. Watt Director of Publication and Research New Jersey Manufacturers Association	The Russian Way of Life
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward D. Parsons</i> <i>Traveler and Photographer</i>	An Illustrated Talk on Travels Through Guatemala, Salvador, Santo Domingo and Cuba
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	William Allen Richardson Rutherford, NJ	The British Experience with Socialized Medicine
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>George R. Shanklin, Senior Engineer</i> <i>NJ State Water Policy Commission</i>	Tour of the Firestone Library, Princeton University
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	George Tolley, Research Chemist The Graduate College, Princeton University	Problems of Labor and Management in Great Britain

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>1950</b>		
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Herbert W. Voorhees, President New Jersey Farm Bureau	Is Our Government Food Policy Sound?
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Spencer Miller, Jr. NJ State Highway Commissioner	The Reconstruction of a Democratic Germany
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>John S. Haverstock, Chief Engineer DeLaval Steam Turbine Company</i>	A Few Remarks About Power Plants for Airplanes
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Frank T. Chestnut, Treasurer Ajax Electrothermic Corporation	Japan After the "A" Bomb
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Gill Robb Wilson, D.D. Director of Aviation, State of New Jersey</i>	The Strategy of the Hyphen Sea
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Elmer Adler` Department of Graphic Arts, Princeton University	A Viewing of His Collection of Printing and Graphic Arts
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	James E. Bryant, Administrator Medical-Surgical Plan of New Jersey	What About Health Insurance?
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Virgil Kauffman, Ph.D. President, Aero Services Corporation</i>	Aerial Pictures of a South African Exploration
<b>1951</b>		
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	John J. Appleyard Public Relations Representative, U.S. Steel Corporation	Some Public Relations Aspects of United States Steel's New Integrated Steel Mill
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Russell VanNest Black Somerset County Planning Board	High Points of the New Metropolitan Plan for the Trenton Area
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	James Kerney, Jr. Editor, Trenton Times	Review of a Tour of the Marshall Plan Countries
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Hu Shih, Ph.D. Former Chinese Ambassador to the U.S.	The Present Plight of China
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Commander Charles Noble Chief Engineer, New Jersey Turnpike	An Illustrated Talk on the New Jersey Turnpike
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Frank D. Schroth, Publisher The Brooklyn Daily Eagle</i>	A Report on a Recent Trip Around the World
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Carlton W. Tillinghast Executive Director, New Jersey Taxpayers Association</i>	Can the Cost of Government be Controlled?

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December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alden T. Cottrell, Director State Department of Conservation and Economic Development	Historic New Jersey
<b>1952</b>		
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>J. B. Spradley, M.D.</i> <i>New Jersey State Hospital</i>	Adjustment of the Nazi Elite in an American-Managed Prison
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Lloyd W. McCorkle, Ph.D.</i> <i>Principal Keeper of the New Jersey State Prison</i>	A Plan for Short-Term Treatment of Youthful Offenders
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Frederick M. Adams</i> <i>Dean, Trinity Cathedral</i>	A Resume of Literature and Biography Through the Decade
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Richard I. Nevin, Director Medical Society of New Jersey	Our Greatest Danger
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>J. Duncan Spaeth, Ph.D.</i> <i>Professor of English,</i> <i>Princeton University</i>	Personal Reminiscences of Secretary Forrestal at Princeton
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Firman E. Bear, Ph.D., Chairman Soils Department of Rutgers University	This Hungry World
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sydney G. Stevens, President Trenton Banking Company	Two Aspects of Banking as a Community Service
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>William J. Dearden, Director</i> <i>Division of Motor Vehicles of</i> <i>New Jersey</i>	The New Financial Responsibility Law
<b>1953</b>		
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Richard J. Hughes, Judge New Jersey Supreme Court	The New Court System of New Jersey
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	John J. Appleyard Public Relations Representative, U.S. Steel Corporation	The New Neighbor
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charles R. Erdman, Commissioner NJ Department of Conservation and Economic Development	Development of the Delaware River Valley
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edmund Goodrich</i> <i>Editor, The Trentonian</i>	Wither Are We Drifting in Government?
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Norman Thomas Lecturer and Socialist Candidate for President	The Various Forms of Socialism

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October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Leroy Church, President Church Brick Company	Photographs of Trips Through the United States, Canada and Mexico
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Captain W. T. Hines, USN Commander, Navy Base at West Trenton	Development of the Naval Air Turbine Test Station
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Lloyd W. McCorkle, Ph.D.</i> <i>Principal Keeper of the New Jersey State Prison</i>	Informal Inmate Social Structures
<b>1954</b>		
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Spencer Miller, Jr., Ph.D. Assistant Secretary for International Relations, United States Department of Labor	The Tale of Four Countries: India, China, Korea and Formosa
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Walter Margetts, Jr. Former New Jersey State Treasurer	State Finances
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	V. E. DeVadutt, Ph.D. Native of India	India: The Constitution, Bill of Rights and Government
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Henry E. Rose Director of Public Information, New Jersey Turnpike Authority	Modern Highways
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Spencer Miller, Jr. Former New Jersey State Highway Commissioner	Experiences in Washington
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frederick R. Sayen, Partner Mercer Rubber Company</i>	Report on a Trip to Europe
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Vincent A. Halbert, Principal Trenton Central High School	Operation of a City High School
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Everett S. Wallis, Ph.D.	Some Problems Facing Modern Germany
<b>1955</b>		
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Alfred C. Loedding	Flying Saucers
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Donald W. South	Germany Today

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March 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Sackett M. Dickinson</i> <i>Deputy Attorney General,</i> <i>State of New Jersey</i>	The Operation of the Symposium during the Past Fifty Years
	<i>Howard L. Hughes</i> <i>Librarian, Trenton Free Library</i>	
	<i>Alfred P. S. Bellis</i> <i>Chief Electrical Engineer,</i> <i>John A. Roebling's Sons Co.</i>	
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Colonel John D. Lavelle Commanding Officer, McGuire Air Force Base	Construction, Build-up and Mission of McGuire Air Force Base
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Roymond A. Schroth</i> <i>Editorial Writer, Trenton Times</i>	A Reporter's Job
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Meredith E. Johnson</i> <i>New Jersey State Geologist</i>	Uranium in New Jersey
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roy Van Ness Professor of Physical Education, State Teachers College of Hillwood Lakes	Iraq: Life in the Cities, Habits and Culture
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	John C. Bonnell, Director State Department of Institutions and Agencies	Prison Industries and Their Relation to Correctional Work and Free Industry
<b>1956</b>		
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Robert C. Meyers, Ph.D., Sociologist State Department of Institutions and Agencies	The Role of the Family in American Life
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Joseph J. Truncer, Forester NJ Department of Conservation and Economic Development	The Wharton Tract
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Herbert W. Voorhees, President New Jersey Farm Bureau	Factors Which Prevent Farmers from Enjoying the So-Called Present Prosperity
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Blair Birdsall Chief Bridge Engineer John A. Roebling's Sons Company	Steel Spans the Chesapeake
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joseph E. Johnson, President Carnegie Endowment for International Peace	Problems of Foreign Policy in a Nuclear Age

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October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Norman H. Baker Director of Research New Jersey Taxpayers Association	The Proposed Constitutional Change in the Base for Assessing Real Property
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	C. Nelson Bean, Economist Delaware River Port Authority	The Delaware River Port, Present Commerce and Future Prospects
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>J. Lewis Unsworth</i> <i>Manager of Sales</i> <i>John B. Roebling Son's Company</i>	Violin Construction
	Christmas Selections Presented by a String Quartet	
	<i>Carlton Tillinghast - First Violin</i> Dr. Osre - Second Violin	<i>J. Lewis Unsworth - Viola</i> Dr. Fisher - Cello
<b>1957</b>		
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Kembel Widmer, Ph.D.</i> <i>Assistant Geologist,</i> <i>State of New Jersey</i>	The Battles of Trenton and Princeton
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Charles A. Whitmer, Ph.D., Chairman Department of Physics Rutgers University	Nuclear Energy and Its Peacetime Applications in New Jersey
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	John W. Tramburg, Commissioner New Jersey Department of Institutions and Agencies	Present Trends and Indications in the General Field of Public Welfare
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fritz Cleary, Education Editor Asbury Park Press	Russia Today
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	William R. Bradley, Chief Industrial Hygiene Section American Cyanamid	Overcoming Air and Water Pollution to Achieve Industrial Hygiene
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Howard L. Hughes, Librarian</i> <i>Trenton Free Public Library</i>	Ramblings Through Britain
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward D. Parsons</i> <i>Traveler and Photographer</i>	Journey Through Africa
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	
<b>1958</b>		
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Melvin Tumin, Ph.D., Professor Department of Sociology, Princeton University	Desegregation
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Harold Morrison Smith, Dean</i> <i>Bordentown Military Institute</i>	Coins

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March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Frederick Burgner, Managing Editor Trenton Evening Times	Problems of an Editor of a Large Daily Paper
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert L. Hardman NJ Department of Conservation and Economic Development	Water Supply Problems in the State of New Jersey
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Herbert Borton Butcher, Examiner State of New Jersey Civil Service</i>	The Beginnings and Formation of the British East India Company
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Marshall Boehm Founder and President, Boehm Studios	Ceramic Sculpturing
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Chauncey, Ph.D., President Educational Testing Service	Education in Russia
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	John A. Wheeler, Ph.D. Professor of Physics, Princeton University	The Evolution and Structure of the Universe
<b>1959</b>		
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>John P. Wooldridge Symposium Member</i>	The Greater Trenton Council - Why?
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	M. E. McCabe New Jersey Bell Telephone Company	New Telephone Developments
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Louis P. Shannon, Manager Extension Division The DuPont Company	Progress Unlimited
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Erwin P. Biel, Ph.D., Chairman Department of Meteorology Rutgers University	New Jersey's Climate
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Fred W. Slantz, Dean of Engineering Lafayette College	Meeting Devoted to Honoring Symposium Member John G. Conner, Member since 1930
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Virgil Kauffman, Ph.D., President Aero Service Corporation</i>	World Exploration
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edmund L. Robinson, President Crescent Insulated Wire and Cable Co.</i>	Antique and Classic Cars
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alden T. Cottrell, Director NJ Department of Conservation and Economic Development	The New Jersey Pine Barrens

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>1960</b>		
January 6 <sup>th</sup>	Captain John M. Buffin Commandant, New Jersey State Police Academy	Training and Selection of Candidates for the State Police
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Jay B. Tomlinson, Solicitor Township of Chesterfield</i>	Glass Paperweights
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lieutenant Larry Bloking Trenton Police Department	Narcotics in the Trenton Area
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	James Kerney, Jr. Executive Vice President Delaware Basin Water Research Foundation	The Water Situation in the Delaware Basin
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Donald Cox, Ph.D. Director of Public Relations NASA Vanguard Project	Project Vanguard, The Earth Satellite and Space Flight
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Alexander S. Mikhalevsky Professor of Military Science, Bordentown Military Institute	The Country of Laos
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Clarence Moll, Ph.D., President, Pennsylvania Military College	Education in the Military College
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sidney Klein, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Economics Rutgers University	Problems of China
<b>1961</b>		
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Manuel Lopez Rey, Ph.D. Director and Advisor to International Conferences	Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Juvenile Offenders Through the United Nations Organization
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Ralph W. Whalen, Commissioner New York City Youth Services	Youth Delinquency and Crime Prevention in New York City
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	George G. Shimamoto, Architect Kelly and Gruzen	Change in Japanese Life Since the War
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	David Bloom Consulting Structural Engineer	Large Scale Housing in Moscow
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roland F. Smith, Assist Chief New Jersey Bureau of Fisheries	Management of Fisheries
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Walter L. Clark American Cyanamid Company	Research and Manufactured Products at American Cyanamid

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Percival F. Brundage, Director Bureau of the Budget	Expenditures in the Federal Budget
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Edwin A. Adams Office of Northern African Affairs, U.S. State Department	Opportunities for Democracy in North Africa
<b>1962</b>		
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Frederick R. Sayen, Partner Mercer Rubber Company</i>	An Account of a Trip Around the World
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Victor L. Crowell, Ph.D., Chairman Science Department Trenton State College	The Current Scene in Columbia and Ecuador
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Randolph Ashton, Research Engineer Stevens Institute of Technology	The Wonders of Nature
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Roy Dufford Patterson Parchment Paper Company	Parchment Paper, Its Manufacture and Uses
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Carlton T. Tillinghast Executive Director New Jersey Taxpayers Association</i>	Spending and Taxes
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul McClintock Retired Professor of Geology Princeton University	What Happened to New Jersey in the Ice Age?
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Meredith E. Johnson New Jersey State Geologist</i>	An Account of a Trip to the Mediterranean
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Harold Stein, Ph.D., Professor Public and International Affairs, Princeton University	Momentous Decisions Since WW II
<b>1963</b>		
January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thomas K. Rathmell, M.D. Pathologist, Mercer Hospital	Blood
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>F. Lovell Bixby Consultant on Probation, Supreme Court of New Jersey</i>	The Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Carrol O. Morong, D.D., Headmaster The Peddie School	The Private School in the American Education System
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	James L. Dyson, Ph.D., Chairman Geology and Geography Department, Lafayette College	The World of Ice

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May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Roscoe P. Kandle, M.D. NJ State Commissioner of Health	The Physical Condition of the People of the Soviet Union
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Basil Outerbridge, President Homosote Company</i>	Expedition to Discover the North Pole Which Set Out from the Brooklyn Navy Yard in 1871
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	John J. Corson, Ph.D. Professor of International Affairs Princeton University	The Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Richard T. Beck Superintendent of Schools, City of Trenton	Trenton Schools -- Their Condition and Problems
<b>1964</b>		
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	George T. Borton International Agent, Atlantic Refining Company	Brazil: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	George Rentoumis Operations Manager Electromechanical Research, Inc.	Canoe Trips Down the Colorado River
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kenneth W. Prescott, Ph.D., Director New Jersey State Museum	The New Jersey State Museum, A Cultural Center
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Charles Lucey, Editor The Trenton Times</i>	Experiences of an American Newspaper Reporter
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Carlton W. Tillinghast, Jr., Director Smithsonian Institution Astrophysical Observatory	Tracking Artificial Earth Satellites
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Donald W. McGowan Major General, USA (Retired)</i>	The Citizen Soldier
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward D. Parsons Traveler and Photographer</i>	Travel Experiences in Europe
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Basil Outerbridge, President Homosote Company</i>	Visits to British Honduras
<b>1965</b>		
January 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>W. J. B. Stokes, II, President Stokes-Trenton, Inc.</i>	Plastics: An Industry Coming of Age
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Boepple, Chairman Conducting Department Westminster Choir College	Scales and Tone Systems, Old and New, of Various Countries

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March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ranulph Bye Bucks County Artist	Oils and Water Colors of Ranulph Bye
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Maxwell R. Stern Mathematics Teacher Trenton Public Schools	Modern Mathematics
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	S. David Winans, Director Research Division State Department of Education	Education Problems of Southeast Asia
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Virgil Kauffman, Ph.D., President Aero Service Corporation</i>	Observations from Visits Throughout the World
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tom Mitchel, Sales Manager The Leisure World Foundation	A New Way of Life
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	William P. Howe, President Howe Nurseries	Visits to Africa
<b>1966</b>		
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Louis G. Milione, Jr., Field Director American Economic Foundation	How to Teach Economic Concepts
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	John M. Curley, Marketing Manager IBM Trenton Office	The Social Impact of the Computer
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Arthur Lithgou, Managing Director McCarter Theatre	American Theatre: What is its Present Condition?
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	William S. Johnson, General, USA	Space Activities and Their Benefits to the U.S.A.
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	A. H. Booker and Harry C. Lord, Jr. Manufacturers Mutual Fire Insurance Company	Birth and Growth of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Herbert Borton Butcher, Examiner State of New Jersey Civil Service</i>	The Trolley Car Era in Trenton
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mario Paterra, Lieutenant New Jersey State Police	Activities of Today's State Police
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	William B. Meytrott Executive Director Helene Fuld School of Nursing Institute	Green Medicine
<b>1967</b>		
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>W. J. B. Stokes, II, President Stokes-Trenton, Inc.</i>	The Nature of Human Nature
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Harry E. Case	The Panama Canal

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March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	James R. Schuyler Vice President of Sales New Jersey Department of Transportation	Jets, Jughandles, and Junctions
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Colonel Caryl Bigelow, President Nassau Gun Club	West of Australia and East of Suez
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	William P. Howe, President Howe Nurseries	An Illustrated Account of an Arctic Bear Hunt
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kenneth McIntosh, Colonel, USA	The Russian Government and the Russian People
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	John C. Bowen World Traveler	Sailing a 35-Foot Yawl from Hong Kong to New York
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	John E. Curry Mercer County Surrogate	The Office of County Surrogate
<b>1968</b>		
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fred B. Rogers, M.D. Professor of Preventive Medicine Temple University	The Early Medical Men of New Jersey
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	W. Taylor Tom, Ph.D. Geology Professor (Retired), Princeton University	The Vital Importance of the World's Offshore Frontiers
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	James O'Brien Assistant Dean of Students, Columbia University	Russian Culture and Soviet Ideology
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul M. VanWegen, President Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association	The Watershed Concept in Action
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	James Hiller, Ph.D., Vice President RCA Laboratories	Frontiers of Scientific Exploration
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Frederick K. Harbison Professor of Economics Princeton University	Problems Associated with the Unionization of Government Employees,
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Lanning Clifford United Nations Advisor to African Nations	Black Africa Today
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Raymond F. Male, Commissioner NJ Department of Labor and Industry	The People of Viet Nam

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<b>1969</b>		
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	David Ludlum Private Weather Forecaster	Trenton's Wonderful Weather
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Meredith E. Johnson</i> <i>New Jersey State Geologist</i>	Around the World in 87 Days
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	James B. Stewart, President Briarcliff College	Steam Power
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Coleman Head Football Coach, Princeton University	The West African Nation of Togo
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Virgil Kauffman, Ph.D., President</i> <i>Aero Service Corporation</i>	Discovery of Captain Cook's Cannon off the Great Barrier Reef by Use of a Magnometer
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	James Carlucci, Executive Director Boys Club of Trenton and Sheldon B. Robertson, Executive Director Trenton YMCA	Boys Work in Trenton Today
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Frank N. Elliott, Ph.D., President</i> <i>Rider College</i>	Rider College
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roger M. McDonough, Director State Library and the Archives and History of New Jersey	The New Jersey State Library System
<b>1970</b>		
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce McClellan, Ph.D., Headmaster Lawrenceville School	Fear of our Changing Society
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>George N. J. Sommer, Jr., M.D.</i> <i>Thoracic Surgeon,</i> <i>St. Francis Hospital</i>	Lung Cancer
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>J.B. Spradley, M.D.</i> <i>New Jersey State Hospital</i>	The General Field of Psychiatry
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Pearson, Chairman Department of Zoology, Rutgers University	World Ecology and the Survival of Man
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Richard J. Sullivan, Commissioner State Department of Environmental Protection	The Problems of Pollution and Effects on Future Generations
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	John S. Hollister, Education Director Educational Testing Service	Educational Trends and the Problems of Higher Education

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November 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Carlton W. Tillinghast</i> Executive Director New Jersey Taxpayers Association	A Trip to the Nation of Rhodesia
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard S. Armstrong Director of Development Princeton Theological Center	Why I Believe in God
<b>1971</b>		
January 6 <sup>th</sup>	Richard K. Greenfield, President Mercer County Community College	The Mercer County Community College
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kenneth W. Prescott, Ph.D., Director New Jersey State Museum	The New Jersey State Museum
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No Meeting	
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	S. Frederick Starr, Ph.D., Professor Princeton University	The Silent Revolution in the Soviet Union
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	James Wright, Executive Director Delaware Valley Commission	The Status of Progress in the Development of the Delaware Valley Basin
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Paul R. Chesbro, Headmaster The Hun School of Princeton	The Present and Future of the Independent School
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	J. Douglas Brown, Ph.D. Dean of Faculty, Princeton University	The Social Security Law and Subsequent Modifications
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Eric G. Curtis, Headmaster George School	England: An Island Story
<b>1972</b>		
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Samuel J. Lloyd, M.D. Chief Medical Consultant NJ Department of Institutions and Agencies	A Survey of the Department of Institutions and Agencies
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Albert C. Wagner, Director Division of Correction and Parole	The Burden of Prisoners in New Jersey
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>John C. Wood, M.D.</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	A Comprehensive Discussion of Heart Disease
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Howard H. Cooksey Major General, USA Commandant, Fort Dix	The New Volunteer Army
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Virgil Kauffman, Ph.D., President Aero Service Corporation	Film of the Discovery of Captain Cook's Cannon

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October 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>H. Russell Brown</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	The Olympic Games at Munich
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Laurence Ely, Professor Emeritus Trenton State College	An Illustrated Account of a Trip Into Africa
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	William Schuyler, Petit, Ph.D. President, Ursinus College	Issues of Today as Manifested on College Campuses
<b>1973</b>		
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Vincent E. Hoyer, President</i> <i>New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance</i> <i>Company</i>	No Fault Insurance
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	David H. Felix	Antique Scientific Instruments
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	George H. Brown, Ph.D. Executive Vice President, RCA	The Development of Color Television
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Charles N. Sweet, Esq.	Labor Negotiations in the Public Sector: A Maelstrom
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ian R. Walker, Executive Director Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association	Water Supply and the Threat of Landfill Pollution
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Virgil Kauffman, Ph.D., President,</i> <i>Aero Service Corporation</i>	A Pictorial Tour of the Australian East Coast and the Great Barrier Reef
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Schumann, Executive Director Bucks County Historical Society	Henry Chapman Mercer and his Museum
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	H. George Hamilton, Ph.D., Director Fels Planetarium	The Approach of the Comet Kohoutek
<b>1974</b>		
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Clayton R. Brower, Ph.D., President</i> <i>Trenton State College</i>	An Inside View of Trenton State College
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Robert M. Backes, Esq.</i> <i>F. Glenn Breen</i> <i>Victor S. Pollack</i> <i>John H. Walther</i> <i>Symposium Members</i>	Four Major Problems Facing Trenton
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Arthur J. Holland, Mayor City of Trenton	The Social and Economic Problems of Trenton
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wilmer Bottoms, Ph.D., Professor Princeton University	Solar Energy: A New Day Dawns
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Edward J. Partridge	Scuba Diving and the World Below

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October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>David J. Hobin Hornblower &amp; Weeks, Hemphill, Noyes</i>	The Present Economic Situation
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Anthony J. Larrecq, Chief Engineer DeLaval Steam Turbine Company</i>	US Aircraft Carriers of Today
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>James Kerney, Jr., Editor Trenton Times</i>	Forty Years in the Newspaper Business
<b>1975</b>		
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Charles C. Stewart, President Mercer Medical Center</i>	Administration of a Modern Hospital
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Robert E. Murto, M.D. Symposium Member</i>	The Aging Eye
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	T. Howard Waldron Director of Public Safety City of Trenton	Public Safety
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joseph P. Wortz, Jr. Senior Vice President, New Jersey National Bank	Estate Planning
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Stephen A. Maurer Vice President of Business and Finance Rider College</i>	Financing Private Higher Education
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	John Fullam US District Court Judge for Eastern Pennsylvania	The Crisis in the Railroads of the Northeastern United States
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Forwood C. Wiser, Jr. Former President, Trans World Airlines	The Present Situation in the Airline Industry
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph Brown, Professor Princeton University	Artistic Creation from Life Action
<b>1976</b>		
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	George Gallup, Ph.D., President Gallup Organization	An Inside Look at Opinion Polls
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	St. John Terrell	George Washington, Commander in Chief
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Lawrence Jacobsen Retired President, R. L. Polk, Co., Detroit, MI</i>	An Illustrated Tour of the Nile
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hollis Hedberg, Ph.D., Vice President Gulf Oil Company	Let's Find Out

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May 5 <sup>th</sup>	William G. Bowen, Ph.D., President Princeton University	Problems Confronting American Colleges
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sheldon Judson, Ph.D. Professor of Geology, Princeton University	Excavations in Sicily and Italy
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harold H. Heins	The Cockpit of the Revolution
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Joseph Flum, Esq., Attorney Newtown, PA	Inside China Today
<b>1977</b>		
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Frank J. Cosentino, President Boehm Studios	The History of Porcelain Objects of Art
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Edgar F. Bunce, Ph.D. Senior Vice President, Prudential Insurance Company	Investment Alternatives
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>James R. Rendall, Jr.</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	An Illustrated Tour of Russia
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Caga	The Tall Ships: Operation Sail
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Herbert Borton Butcher, Examiner</i> <i>NJ Civil Service Commission</i>	George Washington and the Federal Constitution
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edward F. Walton</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	Lloyds of London
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Arnold Pierce</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	A Discussion of the Panama Canal Treaty
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edwin B. Whelan</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	An Illustrated Tour of the Baja Peninsula
<b>1978</b>		
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Peter McLain, Deputy Director NJ Fish and Game Commission	Restoring the Peregrine Falcon to New Jersey
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>C. Shelley Acuff</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	The Avian Egg
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Victor S. Pollak</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	The Present Situation in Israel
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Edward F. Meara, III Executive Director, Mercer County Chamber of Commerce	Socio-Economic Problems Facing Trenton

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May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	David W. Hirst Senior Research Historian, Princeton University	The Papers of Woodrow Wilson
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lawrence T. Frymire, Ph.D., Director Public Television of New Jersey	The Rise of Public Television in the United States
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Monsignor B. C. DeCoste, Pastor Church of the Incarnation	The Katzenbach School for the Deaf
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	George Steele Public Relations Officer, New Jersey Bell Telephone	The Bell Telephone Operating Systems
<b>1979</b>		
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mary Ann Bartusis, M.D. Professor of Psychology, Medical College of Pennsylvania	The Author Discusses Her Book: "Every Other Man"
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Joseph S. Jorczak</i> <i>Symposium Member</i>	An Illustrated Trip to China
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	George Ira Goewey, Provost Trenton State College	Duke Ellington and the Jazz Movement
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Virgil Kauffman, Ph.D., President</i> <i>Aero Service Corporation</i>	A Pictorial Exploration of Australia's Great Barrier Reef
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gerald M. Lemote, M.D. Chief of Surgery, Deborah Heart and Lung Center	Advances in Cardiac Surgery
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Bushnell Physics Research Laboratory, Princeton University	The Search for Energy at the Forrestal Campus
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Virgil Kauffman, Ph.D., President</i> <i>Aero Service Corporation</i>	Mapping the Mountains of Iran
<b>1980</b>		
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>George N. J. Sommer, Jr., M.D.</i> <i>Thoracic Surgeon,</i> <i>St. Francis Hospital</i>	A Profile of Dr. Frank Vincent Cantwell, 1862-1910
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Jurgensen DeLaval Steam Turbine Company	An Industrial Mission to Japan
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Sidney Goldman, Librarian</i> <i>State of New Jersey</i>	A Biography of Judge Richard Stockton, Signer of the Declaration of Independence

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April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scott McVey	Bowhead Whales in the Arctic Ocean
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Virgil Kauffman, Ph.D., President Aero Service Corporation</i>	Around the World in 50 Minutes
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Kenneth C. Bushway Vice President and General Manager Nassau Chemical Corporation	Chemical Regulations: A Blessing or a Curse?
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lawrence Kramer Executive Editor and Vice President, The Trenton Times	The Changing Role of the Local Newspaper
<b>1981</b>		
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	George C. Hennessey Director of Public Affairs David Sarnoff Center	Research and Development at RCA
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph W. Chorlton President and Chairman, Cybis Studio	Cybis: America's Oldest Porcelain Art Studio
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Harold Eikoff, Ph.D., President Trenton State College	If Quality is a Means to an End, Is it True that the End is Near?
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	G. Douglas Davies, D.D. Pastor Emeritus, Prospect Street Presbyterian Church	The Religious Roots of Freedom
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sherman Cooper, Owner Cooper Cycle Ranch and Innovative Travel Agency	A Motorcycle Tour Through South Africa
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Edmund L. Robinson, President Crescent Insulated Wire and Cable Co.</i>	The American Love Affair: Classic Automobiles
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Gott, Ph.D., Professor Princeton University	Black Holes and the Big Bang Theory
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Leo Curran Educator and Fulbright Scholar	Studies on India
<b>1982</b>		
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Cullen, Ph.D. Princeton University Library	The Papers of Thomas Jefferson and John Marshall
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>John C. Wood, M.D. Symposium Member</i>	Cardiovascular Drugs That Have Received Press Plaudits

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March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Edward Kearney, Vice President Thiokol Corporation	The Space Shuttle
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph P. Cody, Public Affairs Officer Naval Air Development Center, Warminster, PA	Defense and Defense Spending
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph P. Tustin Major, USAF (Retired)	The Diary of a Hessian Soldier
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Robert E. Murto, M.D. Symposium President</i>	Business Meeting
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Olan E. Turner	Kites and Kite Flying
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Kembel Widmer, Ph.D. Assistant Geologist, State of New Jersey</i>	Little Known Aspects and Incidents of the American Revolution in New Jersey
<b>1983</b>		
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	William O. Gall Colonel, USA (Retired)	The Importance of U.S. Technology to China
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Virgil Kauffman, Ph.D., President Aero Service Corporation</i>	Discovery of the Earth's Physical Features
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	David F. Morrison, M.D. Ophthalmologic Surgeon	Extraction Technique for Cataract Removal
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Linda F. Card, Trust Officer New Jersey National Bank	The Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fred Haines, Executive Director New Jersey Taxpayers' Association	Financing the Cost of Government
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Harold W. Thompson, Jr., Director Trenton Public Library	Trenton of the 1930's: A Film
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gerald Kent, Professor of Chemistry Rider College	An Introduction to Pheromones
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Allsen, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of History Trenton State College	Afghan Resistance to Soviet Occupation
<b>1984</b>		
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce McClellan, Ph.D., Headmaster Lawrenceville School	Halifax to Ireland in a 40-Foot Sailboat
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Shirley Stock Albright Science Registrar, New Jersey State Museum	The Geology and Paleontology of the Delaware Water Gap

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March 7 <sup>th</sup>	William O'Brien, Lt. Colonel, USA Civil Affairs Officer, 358th Civil Affairs Unit, Norristown, PA	The Aftermath of the Grenada Invasion
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lawrence Jacobsen, Retired President R. L. Polk Co., Detroit, MI	A Trip to China in 1978
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Luene Holmes Corwin Dean of Academic Affairs, Mercer County Community College	Programs of Mercer County Community College
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Birchard Clothier, Esq., Vice President Keystone Insurance Company and Keystone Automobile Club	An Illustrated Tour of Nepal
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	J. Seward Johnson, Sculptor	The Johnson Atelier
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thatcher Longstreth City Councilman, Philadelphia, PA	Penjerdel: The Philadelphia Region
<b>1985</b>		
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sally Lane, Columnist The Trenton Times	Trenton at the Turn of the Century
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Russell Cookingham, Director Wildlife Department of New Jersey	The Importance of Wildlife to New Jersey
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Nagle Jackson, Artistic Director McCarter Theatre	The McCarter Theatre, A Professional Theatre
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Porter, Chairman Mathematics Department Lawrenceville School	An Illustrated Account of Sailing from Mobile, Alabama to Plymouth, England
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	William J. Beeners, Ph.D., Professor Princeton Theological Seminary	Communication and Personal Success
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paul Sinaiko, M.D., Urologist	Impotency: Its Causes and Treatment
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	William Jackson, Ph.D., Chairman History Department Lawrenceville School	New Jersey 1765 to 1865: A Copperhead Center
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Hillier, President The Hillier Group	The Stylists and Rationalists of Architecture
<b>1986</b>		
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Bonnet, M.D. Princeton Brain Bio Center	The Relationship of Nutrition to Mental Health

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February 5 <sup>th</sup>	William Guthrie, Ph.D. Assistant Dean of Education, Rider College	The Lenni Lenape Indians
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Merritt, Professor of History Princeton University	Early Development of the American West
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Zoltan Buki, Curator of Fine Arts New Jersey State Museum	Representational Art
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Amos Eno, Director of Wildlife Affairs National Audubon Society	Conservation of Endangered Birds and Animals
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bernard Swanekamp Kube-Pak, Inc., Allentown, PA	Twelve Acres Under Glass
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Edgar Brick Retired Senior Vice President, Payne Webber	Financial Planning for Retirement
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Lawrence W. Bonnet, M.D. Radiologist</i>	Medical Malpractice
<b>1987</b>		
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Vassil, Ceramic Artist The Boehm Group	Artistic and Technical Skill in Porcelain Art
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Halsey, Ph.D. NJ Department of Environmental Protection	Impressions of South Africa
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Stephen A. Kepniss, Partner Coopers and Lybrand	The Tax Reform Act of 1986
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Lawrence Jacobsen Retired President, R.L. Polk Co., Detroit, MI</i>	The Civil War: Facts and Fancies
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rocco Negris, Major General, USA Commandant, Fort Dix	Personnel and Weaponry in Today's Army
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Edward McNulty, Ph.D. Professor of History, Rider College	David Brearley, One of Four New Jersey Signers of the United States Constitution
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kenneth Helmsin, Captain, USN Commander, Naval Air Propulsion Center	The Naval Air Propulsion Center: Its Mission, Facilities and Activities
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Herbert W. Hobler, Founder Radio Stations WHWH and WPST	Old Time Radio and Early Television

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<b>1988</b>		
January 6 <sup>th</sup>	Hazel Frank Gluck NJ Commission of Transportation	The Status and Future of Transportation in New Jersey
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	David S. Dodge, Ph.D. Recording Secretary, Princeton University	Three Areas of Conflict in the Middle East
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elaine Makatura NJ Department of Environmental Protection	Radon: Reducing Its Risk
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Gerald M. Hansler, Executive Director Delaware River Basin Commission	The Delaware River Basin Commission: Its Origins and the Delaware River
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>William J. Beitel, President Beitel Displays</i>	The World of Lottery Number Drawing Machines
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Pressma, Executive Director Childrens' Home Society of NJ	KIKS: The Kids Intervention with Kids in School Program
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	George M. Taber Editor and Publisher, Business for Central Jersey	The Media, The Big Picture and the Small Picture
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Arnold Ropiek, Senior Editor The Trenton Times	Journalism and the Vulnerability of the Fourth Estate
<b>1989</b>		
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Frederick Turner, Ph.D. Professor of Communications, Rider College	The Selling of the President
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Farewell Architect and Partner, Short and Ford	Restoration and Renovation of the State Capitol
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>James Scott, Regional Manager Maritime Insurance Division, CIGNA</i>	Trying to Diagnose the Inscrutable Japanese Mind
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Litke, Director Capital City Redevelopment Corporation	Planning of Downtown Trenton
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	James McPherson, Ph.D. Professor of History, Princeton University Author of "Battle Cry of Freedom"	The Civil War
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Toches, Football Coach Princeton University	The Challenge of Coaching

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November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Walter DeAngelo, Executive Director Mercer County Improvement Authority	The Mercer County Waste Management Program
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher Dodgette, Commissioner NJ Department of Environmental Protection	New Jersey's Pollution Problems
<b>1990</b>		
January 3 <sup>th</sup>	George A. Tapper, Curator Pennsbury Manor	The History of Pennsbury
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Bambach, Executive Director NJ Educational Facilities Authority	The Function of the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph Kelly, Ph.D., Former Director NJ Department of Education	Personal Observations of Ireland
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jon Lash, Supervisor Johnson Atelier Technical Institute of Sculpture	Works of the Johnson Atelier Technical Institute
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Frank N. Elliott, Ph.D., President Rider College</i>	The 125-Year History of Rider College
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Douglas P. Palmer, Mayor City of Trenton	A New Vision for Trenton
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Kembel Widmer, Ph.D. Assistant Geologist, State of New Jersey</i>	Historical Events in New Jersey
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Shelly Zieger, President Zieger Enterprises	An Overview of Russia Before and After Perestroika
<b>1991</b>		
January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Douglas Robinson, Ph.D.	The Development of the Zeppelin in Germany
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Dixon, M.D. Helene Fuld Medical Center	Issues Raised by the Current AIDS Epidemic
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Wilbur "Bill" Mathesius Mercer County Executive	One Man's Opinion of County Politics
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gary Hilton, Assistant Commissioner Division of Adult Institutions in New Jersey	The Correctional System in New Jersey
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Hunter Moss Retirement Housing Specialist	How to Evaluate a Retirement Facility

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October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steven Schlosstein, Author, International Strategist and Business Executive	The Economic Impact of Japanese Policies
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas I. White, Ph.D. Professor of Business Policy, Rider College	Research Into the Intelligence and Behavior of Dolphins
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Harold Nutt, Colonel New Jersey National Guard	The Constitution -- Bill of Rights – Blessings of Liberty
<b>1992</b>		
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Louis Parisi, Director, Fraud Division New Jersey Department of Insurance	Insurance Fraud
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Anatoly Diakov, Professor Moscow Institute of Technology	Breakup of the Soviet Union: Impact on the Economy and Social Conditions
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Cameron H. Craig Senior Resident Agent, FBI Trenton Office	The FBI Activities in Mercer and Burlington Counties
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Moseley, M.D. Chief of Surgery, Medical Center at Princeton	Changtse, North Peak of Mount Everest
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Louis Parisi, Director, Fraud Division NJ Department of Insurance	A Reinvestigation of an Investigation – The Lindbergh Kidnapping
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Steven Schlosstein, Author, International Strategist and Business Executive	Growing Economic Competition from Asia
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Prunetti Mercer County Executive	The Outlook for Mercer County
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>William V. Sheehy, III, President Sheehy Associates</i>	How One Insurance Broker Views the Medical Insurance Crisis
<b>1993</b>		
January 6 <sup>th</sup>	James Gramlish, Ph.D., Director Agriculture Division, American Cyanamid	What American Cyanamid Does and What It Will Do in the Future
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael L. Warner, Colonel, USA Commandant, Fort Dix	The Defense Base Closure Act and Its Effect of Fort Dix
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marion J. Levy, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus, Princeton University	Modernization

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April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Wheelock, Ph.D. Professor of History, Raritan Valley College	The Mysteries Still Surrounding Pearl Harbor
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Close friends who intend to become US citizens: Lydia Lukic (Serbian) Recent Ph.D., Princeton University Zeljka Matutinovic (Croatian) Ph.D. Candidate, Princeton University Zijad Aganovic (Bosnian) Recent Ph.D., Rutgers University	Conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Garabed "Chuck" Haytaian, Speaker New Jersey Assembly	The Economic Environment in New Jersey
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yelana Khanga Author of "Soul to Soul"	Life of a Jewish, African American Indian in Russia
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>David R. Breidinger, Manager Governmental Relations and Business Development Comast Cable Communications, Inc.</i>	The Future of Cable Television
<b>1994</b>		
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Curt Blake, Director of Athletics, Rider College	Changing Times in Intercollegiate Athletics
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Richard G. Van Noy Executive Director, Mercer County Improvement Authority</i>	The Government at Work in Mercer County
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No Meeting	
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Czajowski, Vice President New Jersey Hospital Association	The Clinton Health Plan: Stumbling Blocks and Building Blocks
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tamara Garaffa Customer Relations Manager Breakwater International, Inc.	The Beachsaver Reef
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jeffrey Herbst, Ph.D. Center for International Studies Princeton University	South Africa
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gregory Chow, Ph.D. Professor of Economics, Princeton University	Understanding China's Economy
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	George Pruitt, Ph.D., President Thomas Edison College	A Close-up View of Edison College

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<b>1995</b>		
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	David Rebovich, Ph.D. Professor of Political Science, Rider University	The Republican Revolution in New Jersey and Washington
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Edward Groth, Ph.D. Professor of Physics, Princeton University	The Hubble Space Telescope
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Clifford Zink, Executive Director The Roebling Project	Trenton and the Roebling Project
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Donald Carver, Director CoreStates Investment Advisers	Stock Investing in Turbulent Times
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Fox, Ph.D. Professor of Geography, Trenton State College	Update on Latin America
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	James Florio, Former Governor State of New Jersey	My Thoughts on Current Issues
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>John G. Brian, Jr.</i> and <i>Donald R. Painter</i> <i>Symposium Members</i>	Plans for the New YMCA
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Wendell Breithauph, President Trenton Savings Bank	Problems Facing Bankers Today
<b>1996</b>		
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scott McVey, Executive Director The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation	The Role of the Foundation
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Segal Commercial Real Estate Broker	Real Estate in Mercer County
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Cleary	The Biotech and Pharmaceutical Industry in New Jersey
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Herbert Hoebler Former Radio Station Owner	My Walking Experiences
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	James McNally, Jr., President and Richard R. Haller, Vice President East Wind Airlines	East Wind Airlines in Trenton
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phillip Bonnet, M.D.	Homeopathy and Nutrition
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Harold Eickhoff, Ph.D., President The College of New Jersey	The College of New Jersey, Past and Present

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December 4 <sup>th</sup>	William McCleery Professor and Playwright, Princeton University	Working With the Famous
<b>1997</b>		
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Rafferty, Mayor Hamilton Township	Report on Hamilton Township
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne Hodes, General Manager The Trenton Thunder	The Trenton Thunder Baseball Team
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Hillier, President The Hillier Group	Upcoming Architectural Projects at Hillier
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kevin Sullivan, CEO Central New Jersey Chapter, American Red Cross	The American Red Cross
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Perry Link, Ph.D.	China in the Next Century
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Schroeder, Ph.D., President The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	The Triumph of the Market
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	William Mate, Director Mercer County Division of Economic Development	Commercial Development Plans for Trenton
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Moore, Executive Director Coalition for Peace	Lobbying for Peace and Non-Violent Action
<b>1998</b>		
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Cary, Headmaster Lawrenceville School	Problems of Private Preparatory Schools
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Willis Morton, Warden Trenton State Prison	The Current Problems at New Jersey State Prisons
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Bracken, President Corestates Bank	Today's Trends for Banking
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jennifer Preston State House Bureau Chief, New York Times	The New York Times Today
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Harry Rose, Owner and Operator Applebees Restaurant	My Experiences in the Restaurant Business
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Clarence Brown Professor of Comparative Literature, Princeton University	The History and Goals of the Trenton Times "Ink Soup" Column

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November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Chan Phan, Ph.D. Professor of Political Science, Rider University	The Pacific Rim Tigers
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Iver Peterson, Reporter The New York Times</i>	American Newspapers Today
<b>1999</b>		
January 6 <sup>th</sup>	Robert D. Prunetti Mercer County Executive	The State of the County
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Theodore Stiles, Ph.D., Professor Rutgers University	The Problems and Promises of the Environment
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	J. Barton Luedeke, Ph.D., President Rider University	Rider University
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	James E. Carnes, Ph.D. President and CEO, Sarnoff Corporation	What's Going on at Sarnoff These Days?
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Lord President and CEO of Isles	Providing Low Income Housing in Trenton and the Surrounding Areas
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting	
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Craig Lafferty, President United Way of Greater Mercer County	The Current Status of Philanthropy
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Wieman Chemical Engineer and Presbyterian Minister	The Manhattan Project: From Atomic Bomb to Peacemaking
<b>2000</b>		
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Graja, Ph.D. Chief Education Officer, Granville Charter School	The Role and Responsibility of Charter Schools
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>David R. Breidinger Regional Vice President, Comcast Cable Communication, Inc.</i>	Cable and the Future of Broadband
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Joel Naroff, Senior Economist Commerce Bank	Economic and Demographic Changes Affecting New Jersey
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>James H. Johnson William V. Sheehy, III Frank N. Elliott Symposium Members</i>	Events of the 20th Century: Developments in Pharmaceuticals The Stock Market Crash The Changing Role of Women

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May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael Epstein, Ph.D. Department of Psychology, Rider University	Memory
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Walter F. Bien, Research Professor Drexel University</i>	The Pine Barrens -- One of New Jersey's Great Treasures
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Frank P. Reiche, Chairman New Jersey Election Committee	Ensuring Fair Elections
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher Graja Executive Markets Editor Bloomberg Personal Finance Magazine	The Economic Outlook for 2001
<b>2001</b>		
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>John B. Sills, Jr. Richard Kauffman Lawrence A. Rothwell Symposium Members</i>	Events of the 20th Century: A Close Burma Shave Developing Use of the Computer My Entry Into the Service in 1943
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Brown, Ph.D. Professor of Aeronautics, Princeton University	Working on Swords and Plowshares
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Max Riley, Ph.D. Superintendent of Schools, Lawrenceville	Changes Needed to Improve Education
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan Husch, Ph.D. Rider University	Cuba Today
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thomas V. Lento, Ph.D., Director Marketing and Communications The Sarnoff Corporation	How the Sarnoff Corporation Operates
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>James H. Johnson Symposium Member</i>	Antarctica
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Harry Heher, Jr., Esq Smith Stratton, Wise, Heher and Brennan	The Lindbergh Trial
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis Milne, Golf Pro Trenton Country Club	Golf: Past, Present and Future
<b>2002</b>		
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Raiser Author	Old and Unusual Burial Grounds in Mercer County
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Eric Gurley Senior Vice President and CFO, Presbyterian Homes and Services, Inc.	Retirement Homes

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March 6 <sup>th</sup>	John F. Yake Director of Sales and Marketing Lafayette Yard Marriott Conference Hotel	The New Hotel and Its Services
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>J. Joel May</i> <i>Former Professor of Public Health</i> <i>UMDNJ</i>	Weird and Wonderful Web Sites
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	John F. Green, Headmaster Peddie School	An Education at Peddie
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	David Rebovich Professor of Political Science Rider University	The Upcoming Election
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Geoff Acolia Lawrence Township Tax Assessor	An Illustrated Talk on Mountain Climbing
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Warner, Colonel, USA Administrative Aide to Martha W. Bark (R., Burlington)	The State of Our Military Preparedness
<b>2003</b>		
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Webster, Business Editor The Trentonian	Trenton's Glorious Past and Challenging Future
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Herbert M. Johnson Abraham Lincoln Presenter	The Progress of the Civil War and a Visit to Gettysburg
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Gianine Marie Teti Miss Rhode Island 2002	The Miss America Experience and Benefits of the Miss America Scholarship Program
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jerry Rife, Ph.D., Professor of Music Rider University	If You Knew Sousa
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	David Agler, Director Opera Festival of New Jersey	Origins and Evolution of the Opera Festival of New Jersey
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>William V. Sheehy, III, President</i> <i>Sheehy Associates</i>	Journey to Bhutan
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Iorio, Vice President DotPhoto.com	The Birth and Growth of a Web-Based Business
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Miller Photographer	A Photographic History of Princeton University
<b>2004</b>		
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Waski General George Meade Presenter	The Army of the Potomac at Gettysburg

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February 4 <sup>th</sup>	John Kingman Electrical Engineer	The State of Railroads in the United States
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Walter Krawtschenko Director of Insurance and Property Mercer County	Mercer County: Past, Present and Future
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Byrne, Former Chairman New Jersey Democratic Committee	Current Political Issues in New Jersey
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Gibson George Washington Presenter	The Life of George Washington
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	James Schroeder, History Teacher The Pennington School	The Battle of Midway: Epic Conflict
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael Licata, Colonel, USAF Director, CATSEYE Program	The Civilian Role in Anti-Terrorism
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>William V. Sheehy, III, President Sheehy Associates</i>	The 100th Anniversary of the Symposium
<b>2005</b>		
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Jennings, Member New Jersey Senate Republican Staff	Politics is Too Important to Leave to Politicians
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shelly Zeiger, President Zeiger Enterprises	What We Can Expect From Russia
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Hughes, Magistrate Judge State of New Jersey	Civility: Respect and Courtesy in the Legal Profession
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Steven Schlosstein, Author, International Strategist and Business Executive	Endangered Species: Why Muslim Economics Fail
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan Medelow, Ph.D. Professor of Political Science, Rider University	Near East Politics and Culture
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Glenn Gillmore, Mayor Hamilton Township	Current Affairs in Hamilton
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Hillier, FAIA, President The Hillier Group	International Developments in Architecture
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Brian M. Hughes Mercer County Executive	The State of the County

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<b>2006</b>		
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	John Harmon, President and CEO Metropolitan Trenton African American Chamber of Commerce	The Prospect for Minority Business in Trenton
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thomas Gates, Vice President Arlington Capital	Hurricane Katrina: the Aftermath in Gulfport/Biloxi
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Daniel Kessler	Learjet Pilot to the Stars
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Patrick L. Ryan Founding Chairman and Director Hopewell Valley Community Bank	Building a Community Bank
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Bilotti, Publisher The Times of Trenton	Challenges Facing the Fourth Estate