

GCAGS,
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TO: Co-Chairmen Entertainment Committee - NOGS
FROM: M. C. Watson

Gentlemen,

It is our blessed privilege to serve our beloved society during the Fall Convention and at a recent meeting, we have already gone over the proposed entertainment and volunteers have come forward for various responsible positions.

We shall list all the entertainment features in order, together with the members of the Committee responsible for various parts as follows:

1. November 15 and 16, two (2) free Sazeracs with each registration. At registration time, each registrant will be given tickets good for two (2) free Sazeracs at the special bar set up near the registration room. Registration is in charge of Neal Smith with The California Company and Neal Smith and Watson will give a general supervision to the Sazeracs distributed by the bar and take up any questions to be raised with the hotel concerning this.
2. Thursday, November 15 - Walking Tour of the Vieux Carre for the Ladies. Time, 1:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. with the ladies assembling in the Mezzanine of the Roosevelt to begin the walking tour.

Burton has volunteered to be in charge of the Walking Tour and will be responsible for obtaining the buses in the event of rain at 1:45, and also check to see that 4 buses will be waiting at the Cabildo at 4:30 p.m. to return the entourage to the Roosevelt. The person to call with regard to the buses is a Miss Durel with the Public Service and she is aware of the arrangements and I have given her Gerry Burton's name also.

I have asked Crouere and McKee to assist Burton in shooing the ladies into the buses at the Roosevelt or getting them started down the street in tow of the guides in case of fair weather.

3. Smoker, for men only of course, Tulane Room, Jung Hotel - 5:30 - 7:45 pm. The details of the Smoker have practically all been arranged and it will be necessary to see to the liquor, some sort of skit for the M.C., and a general supervision of the door. Crouere has volunteered to obtain the liquor and arrange to transport back what is left over. In this connection, he should obtain ten cases of Old Forester and 12 cases of Ballantine Scotch. I shall arrange with Mr. Degering for snacks, corkage, mixers, ice, etc., and the hotel will furnish the waiters and all glassware and so on, just as they did last spring.

In this connection, we plan to have two Pinkerton men; one guarding the main door and one in general charge of the door leading to the dressing room for the girls so that we will not have all the trouble of the show's customers going backstage and bothering the girls while they are changing costumes.

Slocum Harvey has volunteered to generally act at the admission door with one of the Pinkerton men to check latecomers and make sure that the people entering are properly authorized to do so.

With regard to the skit, Boebel has volunteered to produce some masterpiece of hilarity for the female master of ceremonies.

4. Cocktail Party for the Ladies - Petroleum Club - 6:00 p.m.--8:00 p.m.

This cocktail party will be furnished as a courtesy of the N.O.G.S. if we raise enough money, and Mr. Pennington has volunteered to donate a certain amount of money which will be spent on favors for the ladies which are to be small solid silver pins representing one of the old type lamp posts in the Vieux Carre and set with a small imitation Topaz, the cost of these pins boxed and wrapped as gifts, will be \$1.50 apiece.

This cocktail party will require the services of a fabulous piano player whom I have never heard, but who comes highly recommended and Slocum Harvey has volunteered to make arrangements with the piano player for furnishing original and beautiful music from 7:00 p.m. 'til 8:00 p.m. during the Cocktail Party.

I shall run over from the Smoker and get things started at the Petroleum Club to make sure that everything is going smoothly so that there will be no unforeseen hitches.

Friday - November 16

5. Bus Tour for Ladies, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., leaving from Roosevelt Hotel.

This bus tour has been already checked by me with the Toye Bros. tours and Slocum Harvey has again volunteered to check to make sure that the buses will be there and in sufficient quantity.

The name of the person to call is a Mr. Pohlman with Yellow Cab Bus Tours and the telephone number is RA 7933.

Mr. Pohlman told me that there would be no difficulty whatever about the proper number of buses on a short notice and I suggest that the afternoon before, we may have a good idea of how many of the ladies will attend and we can call Mr. Pohlman and let him know.

6. Cocktail Party - Men and Wives - Grand Ballroom Roosevelt - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

This cocktail party is to be thrown by the N.O.G.S. if again we get sufficient donations, and two Pinkerton men have been retained to assist at the doors in taking up the tickets and so forth. Watson will be more or less in charge of this and hopes to see the Committee there in full force so that we can carry each other out afterwards, having laid down our burdens.

7. Grand Dance at Grand Ballroom - Roosevelt 10:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.

This dance is a function of the GCAGS under the auspices of entertainment chairman, Eugene Baysinger, and it is strictly his baby. The only thing we have done is to make sure that the two Pinkerton men who were hired for the Cocktail Party return and serve at the door for this dance so that Baysinger and his designees will have some help with the tickets and so forth.

I personally am looking forward to seeing all the Committee and their wives at the dance and dancing with most of the wives and finally passing out cold in the grand finale.

The Committee, of course, will have another meeting or two before the events and refine the plans and make any suggestions that may occur to us, but, in general, the above gives a rough outline of the duties and responsibilities of the various members.

It is of interest to note that the hostesses for the Walking Tour will be the wives of the current Executive Committee, plus the wife of the Past President, in other words, Mrs. Paul Lewis, Mrs. Rockwood, Mrs. John Collier, Mrs. Ray Kelly and Mrs. Watson.

For the Cocktail Party for the Ladies, the hostesses will be the wives of the Entertainment Committee with Mrs. C. B. Pennington as sort of a super-hostess as the wife of the donor of the favors. In this connection, one white gardenia, tastefully arranged, will be presented to each hostess and they will be expected to be at the Petroleum Club a few minutes before six to make sure that they are ready to welcome the guests.

The hostesses, thus, for the Cocktail Party will be: Mrs. Pennington, as the hostess of honor, and our beloved wives, Mrs. Boebel, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Crouere, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. McKee and Mrs. Watson.

Hostesses for both Walking Tour and Cocktail Party will be identified by silken ribbons with the word H O S T E S S written vertically and N.O.G.S. at the bottom so that they can be collected and used later on if necessary. The hostesses for the Walking Tour will get blue ribbons and the hostesses for the Cocktail Party will get red ribbons. Please notify your wives so they may dress accordingly.

I believe that the above constitutes a very lengthy and unnecessarily wordy coverage of all the events and the responsibilities and duties, but we shall, as I have said before, meet again to refine our arrangements and bring up any further suggestions.

I certainly want to take this opportunity to express my personal thanks to all the members of the Committee who have come back to slave their fingers to the bone again without any grumbles or groans, and it is fervently hoped that after the Cocktail Party Friday night for the men and wives, we shall resemble a bunch of gay teen-agers just out of school and full of Hasheesh!

Yours very truly,



M. C. Watson

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