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CHANGE IN MEETING DAY:

Last spring the Club voted to change the meeting day. At that time, however, Willow Park Recreation Hall was not available for a regular monthly meeting on a set day. Arrangements have now been made and in the New Year MCA will meet on the fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m. The first such meeting will be on January 23rd.

NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28th:

Because nearly two months would elapse between meetings, the new president has called a special meeting of MCA on Thursday, December 28th at 8 p.m. at the Willow Park Recreation Hall.

Members are asked to bring slides of any of the past year's activities which have not been shown previously to the Club. There will be a standard projector provided and each participant will be limited to showing no more than 20 slides.

NEW OFFICERS:

- President: Howard Schuck
- Vice-President: Gene Horning
- Secretary-Treasurer: Marjorie Prescott

The newly elected though not new member of the Board is Johnny Johnston.

DID YOU WONDER ABOUT?

- Wayne Rhoades whom Howard Schuck reports seeing in June at McCord AFB in Army uniform and enroute to basic training.
- Allen Fujimoto who is finishing his tour of duty in the Army at San Francisco and who will begin a surgical residency in Oakland in July.

COMMENTS BY THE NEW PRESIDENT:

1. I prefer to have a great deal of assistance in conducting the business of the Club. My purposes are that more people will have a direct influence on how well their Club progresses and that individuals more capable than I will be directly responsible for certain activities of the Club. Thus I intend to appoint quite a few committees.
2. One of the key activities is the Climbing Program. Jon Gardey has agreed to be Chairman of this Committee. His tentative ideas on a schedule of climbs, dates and leaders will be presented at the December 28th meeting.
3. As to the Club publication, Gwynneth Wilson has agreed to continue as Editor of Scree.
4. The Hiking Program, which will include cross-country trips, winter and summer, will be handled by Gene Horning. The winter trips will be described on December 28th.
5. Bill Davis has agreed to be Chairman of a Publicity Committee.
6. The committee chairmen who have accepted at the time Scree goes to press

are:

Climbing	Jon Gardey
Hiking	Gene Horning
Publicity	Bill Davis
SCREE	Gwynneth Wilson
Indoor Programs	John Wolfe
Historical	Leona Wilkerson
Huts and Shelters	Joe Fichler
Membership	Irma Duncan
INFORMATION PAMPHLET	John Dillman
Club Equipment Custodians	The Wilsons
Indoor Refreshments	Jackie Horning
Visitor Reception	Rod Wilson

7. Some of these chairmen may desire some assistance. For instance, we now already that Paul Crews is agreeable to assist Jon Gardey on the Climbing Program; Joe Fichler to assist on the Hiking Program; Dave Duncan to assist Bill Davis in Publicity. And, of course, John Dillman has had several people helping him on his INFORMATION BULLETIN project. However, it is up to each chairman to decide whether he needs an assistant chairman or other committeemen to help him and to appoint them. All I will say in this regard is that we will expect to receive a report, even though brief, at each general meeting from the chairman of each committee, or someone delegated by him.

8. The Training Committees (Rock School and Glacier School) need chairmen.

We are hoping that Hans Metz, Norm Pichler, Paul Crews, or Bill Davis will be taking over these responsibilities.

9. A word about the Membership Committee which is new to the Club.

a. There are many people in the area with interests similar to those of the Club, some of whom do not even realize that a Mountaineering Club is available. Also there are some who were active earlier, but who have not been members in the last year or so. I think that, if some systematic effort was made to contact these people, a number of solid, contributing members would be obtained. Irma Duncan has agreed to lead this effort. It is not meant, of course, that her committee should be the only one thinking about new members, for in addition every member certainly should be on the look out for people who would enjoy the Mountaineering Club.

b. I do not feel that members should be sought merely to build up a large membership, but that we should make some effort to encourage people to join with us when their interests are similar to those of the M.C.A.

10. The "Visitor Reception" Committee is also new. We are not even sure yet what its name should be - "Welcome Committee", "Hospitality" or "Traveling Mountaineers Aid Society"? The idea, however, is to have a committee which would keep itself apprised of arrivals of out-of state mountaineers and expeditions, arrange for some of them to be met in the name of M.C.A. and organize or suggest to me and the Club what assistance the Club might provide the visitors.

a. This certainly is not meant to prevent individuals from entertaining or arranging for the needs of visitors, especially personal friends.

b. Also, this Committee should invite noteworthy climbers to regular or even special meetings, and possibly on occasion prevail on them to provide the Indoor Program.

11. In January we plan to publish an up-to-date list of telephone numbers and the correct address of each member. This list should be useful to all members, especially to those who have tried to contact members by telephone in a hurry, and have been thwarted by the many recently changed numbers. It behooves tardy members to pay up by 1 January, as only paid-up members will be listed and will receive the list. After January 1, only paid-up members will receive SCREE.

Howard A. Schuck