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NEWSLETTER

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IT IS TOO BAD THAT WE DID NOT HAVE A BETTER ATTENDANCE AT OUR FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING WHERE WE WERE THE GUESTS OF DR. CHAS. BLAND. THOSE OF US PRESENT SAW APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS OF PRIME DUCAL MUSIC IN BLACK AND WHITE AND COLOR. THE MAIN FEATURE WAS THE CELEBRATION OF DUKE'S 70TH BIRTHDAY AT A CONCERT IN PARIS. THE BAND WAS AT ITS BEST; WE MUST DO IT AGAIN. BETWEEN DR. BLAND AND MYSELF WE HAVE UP TO A HUNDRED SESSIONS OF DUKE ON VIDEO, TAPES AS WELL AS VIDEO-DISCS.

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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT THE FRATERNITY HOUSE AND WILL FEATURE A PROGRAM BY US, THE MEMBERS. THE FORMAT WILL BE A PRESENTATION OF OUR FAVORITE DUKE ON COMPACT DISC (C D). EACH MEMBER IS ASKED TO BRING A CD AND HAVE IT PLAYED ON OUR EQUIPMENT BY JACK TOWERS. YOU ARE TO COMMENT ABOUT THE NUMBER YOU PRESENT. THE PRESENTATION IS NOT TO EXCEED SIX MINUTES IN LENGTH. BE PREPARED TO OFFER MORE THAN THE ALLOTTED TIME IF WE HAVE LESS THAN EXPECTED PARTICIPATION.

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FIFTEEN OF TWENTY MINUTES AT THE MEETING WILL BE USED TO READ THE NEW CONSTITUTION. WE WILL PROVIDE COPIES TO THOSE PRESENT. THE DOCUMENT WAS WRITTEN FOR US BY DR. TED HUDSON OUR V.P. AND WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ADOPT IT AT THE NEXT MEETING IN APRIL OR AT THE MAY MEETING. AGAIN OUR THANKS FOR TED'S CONTRIBUTION.

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OUR PRESIDENT EMERITUS, TERRELL ALLEN WAS UNABLE TO BE WITH US AT OUR LAST MEETING, AND I HEAR THAT HE IS NOW CONFINED TO THE BED. WE ARE DEEPLY SORRY TO HEAR THIS AND WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR HIM. GIVE HIM A CALL OR SEND HIM A CARD TO LET HIM KNOW WE ARE PRAYING FOR HIM.

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DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL MEETING IN NEW YORK AND GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN EARLY TO ASSURE A PLACE AT THE HOTEL. THOSE OF US WHO HAVE ATTENDED PAST MEETINGS CAN TELL YOU WHAT A GOOD TIME IS HAD. JACK TOWERS HAS BEEN TO ALL OF THEM, I HAVE BEEN TO ALL BUT THE CHICAGO SESSION.

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WE ARE HOPING TO ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS AS WELL AS GET SOME OF OUR OLD MEMBERS TO BECOME FINANCIAL. THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE A RED STAR AFTER THEIR NAME ON THE ENVELOPE ADDRESSED ARE YE WHO ARE DELINQUENT P L E A S E G E T F I N A N C I A L ! !

THE DUES ARE \$ 30.00 FOR SINGLES AND \$ 50.00 FOR COUPLES.  
GET ON BOARD ! ! ! .

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THE APRIL MEETING WAS ARRANGED BY TED HUDSON. WE WILL HAVE A PRESENTATION BY MR. REUBEN JACKSON AND MS. DEBORRA RICHARDSON, BOTH OF THE SMITHSONIAN. THEY ARE WORKING ON ELLINGTONIA AT HE INSTITUTE. THE PROGRAM WILL BE MUSIC AS WELL AS SLIDE PROJECTION OF THEIR WORK. MORE LATER.

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OUR MAY MEETING WILL BE PRESENTED BY OUR SCANDINAVIAN MEMBER MR. WALTER VAN DE LEUR. HE HAS ATTENDED ALL OF OUR MEETINGS SINCE HE JOINED US. I CALLED HIM THE OTHER DAY AND WAS INFORMED HE WAS VISITING BACK HOME IN EUROPE. WE WISH HIM A SAFE RETURN TO US. THE PERSON ANSWERING THE PHONE SAID HE WOULD BE BACK SOON.

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ACCORDING TO OUR TREASURER, JACK TOWERS, WE HAVE 27 PAID-UP MEMBERS. IF YOU HAVE A FRIEND INVITE HIM OR HER TO ONE OF OUR MEETINGS TO ENJOY OUR FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE OF ELLINGTON MUSIC.

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MERCER ELLINGTON IS AUTHORIZING QUITE A FEW CDS OF UNISSUED DUKE ELLINGTON MUSIC, SOME OF IT REAL GOOD - OF COURSE ALL ELLINGTONIA IS HISTORY AND SO MUCH YET TO BE RELEASED.

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WHATEVER HAS HAPPENED TO A FEW OF OUR OLDTIMERS- WE MISS THE LIKES OF DICK SPOTTSWOOD, JOHN CALLANAN, THE BALTIMORE CONTINGENCY, LEO HUNT, ROMEO, LEVI, SMITTY ET AL. AND OTHER ET ALS I CANNOT RECALL AT THE MOMENT. AND BOB RENEY WHO THOUGH FINANCIAL, HAS NOT BEEN SEEN THIS YEAR. THE REST OF YOU WHOM I'VE NOT NAMED, IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I OR WE HAVE NOT MISSED YOU. GET IN TOUCH!!!

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SEE YOU ALL AT SATURDAY'S MEETING- ON TIME AND LOOKING FORWARD TO A PLEASANT EVENING OF MUSIC AND CHEERS.

  
TED SHELL