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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If it is a fact that being able to keep a secret is a definite indicator of maturity, we as an association have attained that milestone. The secret that has been so cleverly hidden and revealed to a select few is that the educational programs presented in the early spring and winter have been truly outstanding and the Education and Research Committee of Don Hoffman, John Berarducci, and Lenny Berg are to be commended for their efforts.

In January we were treated to a tour of a Nuclear Research Facility, in March a very well presented slide program with much audience participation on the ravages of winter. The April meeting was highlighted by a very comprehensive program on trees and problems involved with both insect and mechanical damage. The May meeting explained everything we wanted to know about hiring aliens and the responsibility involved; a veritable "smorgasbord" of information, but a very few seemed to have an appetite at these times.

I understand that those on the Northside consider "Silver Lake" to be just a soft wedge from the Mason Dixon Line and that those who make their living on the Southside are almost convinced that Pinecrest is built on permafrost, but the programs being offered were a caliber that would make the time spent traveling well worth it. It has to be very disheartening to both the speaker and the members of the Committee when there are less than fifty at a meeting.

In an effort to stimulate attendance, the Board unanimously decided to rather than waste funds paying for dinners guaranteed but not consumed, to offer an airline ticket for two to Hawaii in a drawing at our January meeting. The chances in the drawing will be postcards that have been returned from May through January so make plans to attend the future meetings and enjoy a trip to Hawaii.

Obviously we would like to have all of our meetings at a private club just 10 or 15 minutes from your home, but if that club does not offer it's facilities, there is no way we can have that meeting. The easiest way to have a meeting close to home is to offer your club for a future meeting. If not this year, how about next year?

Robert Breen

CHUCKLE

When the insects take over the world, it is hoped they will remember with gratitude how we took them along on all our picnics.