

# CODS CORNER

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Phyllis Hess, President

Naomi Liggett, Editor

Dear Fellow CODS Members,

As I was getting the decorations out for the Christmas tree I thought of how much it resembled greeting old friends. This one reminded me of a child I had on the bus several years ago, that one of a friend who has moved out of state and this one my child made years ago, and so it went. It is the same with our flowers, as they bloom in the spring we remember friends, this one so and so gave me, that one I got from another friend far away, and this one purchased from a special friend.

To me, that is what our Society is all about, the friends we make. Soon we will all have the opportunity to greet our friends from far and near in Portland. Don't forget to send in your registration form and make those plane reservations.

Speaking of friends, it was so nice to see so many of you at the November meeting, Mary Lou didn't disappoint us, her program was wonderful.

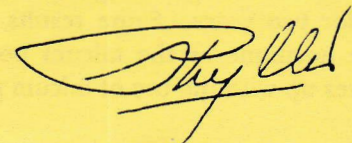
Another special friend and officer of ADS, has suffered a terrible tragedy. Jaydee Ager's young daughter, Brooke died as a result of an accident. Our prayers and sympathies go out to her and her family.

This is also the time of year to go through your lists of cultivar and be thinking about some of the special classes you will enter in this year's show. Think about some vases of five and especially collection classes. Trust me, it will make the show more fun for you. Cindy has done her usual fine job and you will find more information in this newsletter about our Spring Show.

We will have two venues this year at which to show off our best blooms. CODS will be joining the NorWest Flower Show on April 30 and May 1 as a sponsoring club. While they will offer a limited schedule, they will award ADS ribbons. Some of those late cultivars that never get to a show will have a place to go this year. It has been a long time since we have been one of their sponsoring clubs so we are looking forward to joining them once again. Naomi will be doing the schedule so I'm sure we will have them soon.

Remember the lovely flower on the cover of the RHS Journal we were all admiring at the meeting? While browsing through the paper recently I came across an article about Belize and how it was such a marvelous place to visit during the winter months. I'm sure Cecile has been to one of the places the article was highlighting, Altun Ha. Yes, that's where that flower got its name, it means Water of the Rock and is a Mayan ceremonial center covering nearly three square miles. I have learned more interesting things from the names of our flowers. While reading or watching TV I come across the name of another daffodil quite often. If you have an interesting tale about one of your daffodils or daffodil friends, why not put it down on paper and let Naomi include it in our next newsletter. She always needs your input!

Until February, when friends meet again,





## DRIFTS OF MINIATURES AT WHETSTONE PARK

**Cecile Spitz, Whetstone Garden Committee**

I decided to purchase and plant as many miniature daffodils as needed to fill our rock garden area after watching the children run to the miniatures last spring. They really enjoyed the "little ones". After discussing my plans of drift planting Nancy and Helen agreed I could maintain the miniature bed. The consensus was "it would be ideal to have more blooms than rocks in 1994".

Five cultivars of 100 each and an additional fifteen cultivars in lesser quantities were ordered.

Miniatures were planted in drifts as space permitted. Many were planted five to a berry basket in front of large colorful rocks. I began planting October 7th, stopped for some rainy days and continued planting with Irene Moseley's help on October 23rd.

We also had member donations of miniature bulbs. Mine were donated for drift and mass plantings. Drift plantings were also provided by CODS donations of Baby Moon 7Y-Y, Sundial 7Y-Y and Sun Disc 7Y-Y. Mary Lou has a drift of Small Talk 1Y-Y, Cindy and Tag each has Tête-à-Tête 12 Y-Y in drifts.

I mix all purpose sand, potting soil and sphagnum peat moss in equal portions for all the miniature plantings. I firm about 1½ inches of the mixture in a berry basket, dip the bulb in talcum powder (a good rooting medium) place the bulbs in the basket, sprinkle sevin over the bulbs before planting firmly in the soil and covering with the planting medium. I put a two inch marker in each basket and another marker under a nearby rock. I record the plantings on our map. I topped all the miniature plantings with a bit of mushroom compost.

The one-inch wide markers were cut from discarded venetian blinds purchased at garage sales or thrift shops. I use a number two soft pencil and mark my tag in two spots. The soft pencil writing stays on forever. Small metal markers will be put out in early spring.

I experimented with a rooting hormone and talcum powder for two years. Same results were derived from the hormone as the talcum powder. Every bulb comes up with the use of talcum powder and it

is cheaper. Years ago I dipped only the miniatures in the talcum, now I dip all bulbs in the powder.

Twenty-six cultivars were newly planted for continuous bloom, the earliest minis will bloom in late March. Please come early, come often and enjoy the "little ones" in bloom in the CODS planting area at Whetstone Park.

## ADS JUDGING SCHOOL

The Southwest Ohio Daffodil Society will hold Judging School I on Sunday, February 13, 1994 beginning at 9:00 am at the Natorp Educational Building, 1-75 and Fields Ertel Road. Judging School II will be held on Sunday, April 10, 1994 at the same location and time. Registration fee is \$5.00. Lunch will not be provided, but there are a number of fast food places in the immediate area. Judges who need a refresher course may attend School II for credit. For registration or further information, contact Mary Lou Gripshover, 1686 Grey Fox Trails, Milford, OH 45150 (513-248-9137)

Editors Note: When you register with Mary Lou be sure to order your copy of *The Handbook for Growing, Showing and Judging Daffodils* Revised 1990 at a cost of \$7.00 plus Ohio sales tax. School I covers culture, pest and diseases and classification.

## *The Daffodil Journal* Volume 1 Number 1

**Tag Bourne, CODS Secretary**

Prior to Wells Knierim's death, he had all of his *The Daffodil Journal* bound in a beautiful green binding and presented them to The American Daffodil Society. Before turning them over to Mary Lou Gripshover, Executive Director, I decided to review some of them.

Volume 1 - Number 1 was printed in 1964 and dedicated to Lionel Richardson and Guy L. Wilson. Within the short span between the planting season of 1961 and the bloom season of 1962, we lost the two greatest daffodil hybridizers in many of our life-times.

The American Daffodil Society had completed its first ten years. Kitty Bloomer was the first Editor and Willis Wheeler was Co-editor. John Larus was



President, Bill Pannill was First Vice President and Eve Robertson was Second Vice President. Membership dues were \$5.00 per year.

The fall issue each year would contain the symposiums, the membership roster and suitable articles. I miss some of these items we had in our past Journals. Seventy-three members in 31 states participated and the cultivars were broken into two categories in the Symposium: Exhibition and Garden. A few are still being shown today, but not many: Kingscourt 1Y-Y, Carrickbeg 1Y-Y, Empress of Ireland 1W-W, Festivity 2W-Y, Daviot 2W-OOY, Bethany 2Y-W, Daydream 2Y-W, Sweetness 7Y-Y, Charity May 6Y-Y, Merlin 3W-Y, Dallas 3W-GWW, Cantabile 9W-GYR. Thirty years of hybridizing has far surpassed many cultivars mentioned in the 1964 Symposium. Harry Tuggle's phrase: Older varieties often outdo themselves in order to remind us -- to paraphrase -- that all that glitters does not cost gold! His opinion on split-coronas: Why should daffodils not have a split cup?, is that there is a proper place for these freaks and evolutionary throwbacks - pickled in Formaldehyde (Formalin) and placed in jars on the nearest museum shelf!

The results of the Miniature Symposium would probably hold true today. Availability was a problem as it is today. Wee Bee 1Y-Y, Hawera 5Y-Y, April Tears 5Y-Y, Snipe 6W-W, Mite 6Y-Y, Tête-à-Tête 12Y-Y, Quince 12Y-O, Sun Disc 7Y-Y, *rupicola* 10Y-Y and *cyclamineus* 10Y-Y were the most popular. Not surprising, there was great interest in the species among the reporters. *N. rupicola* was at the head of the list. Species were listed in two groups: one flower per stem and more than one flower per stem. The symposium chairman was perturbed at the mistakes made as to the number of blooms per stem. *N. scaberulus* was listed four times: twice, correctly as multi-flowered, and twice, incorrectly as single-flowered. The same problems are faced in judging species today.

One reporter seemed to have three forms of Xit 3W-W: one she placed in a category as "Not-Xit", because it had a creamy cup. She had been seeing all three in shows where she had judged. Since the right one is so perfect and the most popular, I assume the "Not-Xit" is now one named Yellow Xit 3W-Y. Today in judging, we are seeing two Xits; the cups are entirely different. Thirty years and these things are still being debated!

The featured new standard was the first red trumpet daffodil Brer Fox 1Y-O that was shown at the RHS. Only two or three bulbs were offered for

sale at 400 £ or \$980.00 each. Brer Fox must have wound up in the "briar patch" because I've never seen it on the show bench.

The Board of Directors approved a study in daffodil data processing, which was the beginning of today's *Daffodil Data Bank* and color codes. There were two articles on pests and diseases, which I always dislike reading, because I have a tendency to think, "My gosh, I may have this or that."

The last straw, compare their convention rates with today's: room \$12.00 per day at a Pasadena hotel, continental breakfast, no charge; with tours of the homes of Bob Hope, Mary Pickford and Meredith Wilson. Oh! well, who cares. We'll pay the \$88.00 for a hotel room just to be with the great friends we've made over these 30 years.

### THANKS FROM THE COLUMBUS ZOO

The Horticulture Department at the Columbus Zoo

The daffodils are planted and the inventory is in the computer. We have 358 cultivars of those beautiful spring bloomers. Out thanks to all of you for helping to make our collection of daffodils so extensive. This spring there will be color in abundance all around the lake and throughout the zoo. You can enjoy the spectacular display with some pride and the knowledge that we appreciate you contributions.

### WELCOME NEW CODS MEMBERS

Cecile Spitz, Membership Chairman

Mrs. Robert Brunner, Caroline  
610 College Lane, Indianapolis, IND 46295-2238  
317-253-0925

Caroline is a native Hoosier born in West Lafayette. She married Bob, an attorney and now a labor arbitrator in 1954 and are parents of two adults. The entire family is involved in church work.

Caroline is very active in the Indiana Daffodil Society having served a few times in many positions and committees. She was daffodil show chairman twice, currently serves as program chairman. She



has served on the America Daffodil Society By-Laws Committee and as Midwest Regional Director.

Caroline is an avid gardener, a Master Gardener, member of the Iris-Daylily, Hosta Society and the Belle Creek Garden Club. Most recently Caroline has committed her time and energy to their Art Museum Horticulture Society. This is a long term project of "research, restore, replant" the old estate of Eli Lily donated to Indianapolis many years ago. Finding some old plants that grew there when the estate was established is quite a challenge.

Mrs. Robert McCormick, Jennie  
335 Bristol Way, Worthington, OH 43085  
885-8132

Jennie is a native buckeye born in Licking County between Newark and Granville. She graduated from Newark High School, attended Ohio Wesleyan, Penn State and moved back to Columbus in 1964. She attended Ohio State becoming a professor in Home Economics. She married Robert in 1972 and has two children.

Jennie pursues her varied interest with intense vitality especially gardening and history. She has been published in the *Columbus Monthly*.

Although Jennie is retired from OSU she is busier than ever pursuing research and writing the history of our state. She and her husband have co-authored and published three books on Ohio history. Jennie is interested and very active in the Worthington area history. Her husband is active in continuing education at Fawcett Center.

Anne Browning Shaw  
1299 Cambridge Boulevard  
Columbus, OH 43212  
488-6633

Ann is a native Grandview resident born at University hospital. She graduated from Grandview High and then received her degree in medicine from OSU in 1979. Her work is in principal health care. Son George 14 was born before Ann and her husband began pursuing their medical careers. While living in Plymouth, MI and studying medicine at the University of Michigan, Lisa was born. They moved to Kensington, MD, Birmingham, Al and happily back home to Grandview and careers in medicine.

Ann loves and pursues her many interests with great vigor. She has planted 23 interesting, unusual and colorful trees on her half acre such as:

Paper Bark Maple, Franklinia, Styrax, Pseudo Camellia, Split Leaf Beech, Sour Gum, Katsura, etc. Instead of New England, please visit Ann's residence for gorgeous color in October.

Her pottery is improving, she is sure she has learned to manipulate the wheel. Jennie will debut with her daughter in a tap dancing recital in Grandview in May. Her favorite flower - the daffodil of course.

## SUNSHINE

### Cecile Spitz, Sunshine Chairman

A solid steel basketball pole fell and injured Ray Scholz on the side of the head, missing the top of his head and serious injuries by a few inches. Many bumps and much pain Ray is now feeling much better, he admits it was a close call. CODS members wish you a speedy recovery.

Most of us received our flu shots, a permanent pneumonia shot and seem to be healthy, just tired.

Editor's Note: Tag Bourne was diagnosed with a bacterial pneumonia shortly after Thanksgiving. At this writing she is feeling much better.

## THREE DAYS IN HOLLAND

### Mary Lou Gripshover

Our trip to Holland began very early on a Tuesday morning when Betty Duncan drove Ruth Pardue and me to the Belfast airport for departure to Amsterdam. Though it wasn't "a dark and stormy night..." as many stories begin, it was a dark and dreary morning. The airport nearly deserted, we soon learned that our flight had been canceled due to poor weather conditions in England where our plane was scheduled to make a stop. Several hours later, we finally got under way, and in due course landed in Amsterdam, where we were to have been met by Wim Lemmers. We had tried to reach Wim by phone to say we would be late, to no avail, but we eventually found each other wandering up and down the corridors of Schipol Airport.

Our first stop was the library of the Dutch Bulbgrowers Association where we were introduced to Dr. Johann van Scheepen, the head librarian. Dr. van Scheepen is the registrar for daffodils and several other plant families in Holland. He and his



staff were color-coding tulips when we arrived. Dr. van Scheepen and Mr. Lemmers had made arrangements for us to visit Keukenhof Gardens where we were introduced to the Director, Dr. Henk Koster. As our arrival was some three hours later than we anticipated, we were kindly allowed to stay and enjoy the gardens after the closing hour until dark.

Everything you may have heard about Keukenhof Gardens is true. It is a floral spectacle unmatched anywhere. There were perfectly manicured beds of tulips, daffodils, hyacinth, fritillarias and other small bulbs in an amazing array of colors. The grounds now cover some 70 acres and are only open eight to nine weeks in the spring. We went first to the Queen Beatrix Pavilion where the indoor Narcissus Parade was in progress. There are various flower "Parades" held indoors in case Mother Nature has not cooperated to provide outdoor bloom at the right time. Here the pots and flats of daffodils were arranged artistically showing off some of the new as well as some old reliable cultivars. Andalusia was much in evidence, as was a new registration, Innovator 4Y-O from Ambergate x Tahiti. After enjoying the indoor Parade, we spent the next several hours wandering the gardens in the evening light. There were beds of Pipit, Hawera, tulips of every hue and tall Crown Imperial fritillarias used as accents in the center of the beds. In one area, huge rhododendrons served as a backdrop for the flowering bulbs. Around every turn, there was another marvelous sight. The layout of the bulb beds changes from year to year; what was grass this year will likely be a flower bed next year. We left as the light was fading, to have dinner in an excellent Indian restaurant.

While Ireland had been cold and damp, in Holland it was warm and sunny, which was fine for the visitors, but growers were dismayed because the flowers would not last as long. Our host, Wim Lemmers, had arranged for us to visit several of the growers and so next morning after going through Wim's fields, we set out first to the garden of Kaerel van der Veek and then on to the north of Holland and Jan Pennings. Wim's house is surrounded by bulb fields, with the road running on top of the dike which separates the various polders (low areas reclaimed from the sea). He had one field of bulbocodiums growing alongside his house and as we drove around Holland, he pointed out several other fields of bulbocodium to show us that the species were not being collected from the wild and sold. Crop rotation is practiced rigidly. All bulbs are dug every year and replanted in a field which had different bulbs there the year

before. Daffodils may be planted where tulips grew this year and the tulips might go where hyacinths had been. Growers trade their acreage from year to year. Plant health is extremely important. Bulbs are removed at the first sign of disease. If a grower suffers extensive damage, he may get some reimbursement from the bulb growers association--I guess a form of insurance.

As we drove to Karel van der Veek's, we saw growers deadheading the tulips, which seemed a shame to us, but apparently that is why we get such good results from the first year down tulip bulbs. At Karel's we saw some lovely triandrus seedlings of his and some of Brent Heath's seedlings being grown on. Karel has small stocks of many, many cultivars growing in a display area, and it was good to see some of the newer American things being grown as well. Leaving Karel's, we went along the North Coast of Holland to Breezand to visit Jan and Ans Pennings. Here we saw the modern operation Jan runs. One huge building housed mechanized sorting equipment and all the other equipment necessary to run a first class operation. In the fields surrounding the house and building was the biggest fields of Verona I've ever seen! Jan grows all kinds of bulbs and the fields were spectacular. Here we saw a bloom on a seedling of Janis Ruksans which looked a bit like Tripartite--except it was white with a yellow eye. I only hope it is as quick to increase as Tripartite! Other modern hybrids were growing at Jan's in small numbers. Newer cultivars are finding their way into the Dutch pipeline. In talking with both Karel and Jan, we were told that the growers have no control about the marketing of their bulbs. The growers sell to the marketing people and growers have no control over the names which may appear in catalogs and often don't even know which catalog their bulbs may be in. We came away with the feeling that the Dutch growers are adamant about the health of their bulbs and that they are interested in growing the newer cultivars. With new propagation techniques, other modern cultivars will soon be following Jetfire and Pipit and others into the mass market. As an added treat before leaving, Jan took us to see an interesting sight. To celebrate Queen Juliana's birthday (several days hence) people make wonderful, larger than life floral tableaus. Jan took us to see last year's winner working on this year's display. A tableau about 12-15 tall was being worked on. Individual hyacinth blossoms were being pinned on to the background which had been painted. It was a tribute to a famous ballerina and showed swans and the ballerina. The tableaus are erected along the streets when completed for everyone to see.



On our last morning in Holland, Wim took us to the Alsemer Flower Auction. This huge building encompasses an area nearly the size of 100 football fields! All manner of flowers and plants are brought in overnight and by noon the next day the building is empty again. The plant material goes around on a "trolley" into a room where the buyers sit in the balcony. Any remarks about quality are recorded on documents which accompany the flowers on the trolley. This information is shown on giant auction clocks; the clock runs from the highest price to the lowest, and the buyer stops the clock when it reaches the price he wants to pay. The trolley leaves the room (actually it hardly ever stops--just goes along slowly) and the flowers are put directly onto the buyer's cart and then to the pick up area. It was amazing.

We left Holland feeling overwhelmed by all the flowers we had seen, but we also felt confident that the growers were doing their very best to assure top quality bulbs. More modern cultivars are coming and that will be good for everyone.

## SPRING SAFARI II

### Cindy Hyde, Chairman

Following is information on the show lunch and banquet:

**BOX LUNCH: \$3.25**

Ham or Turkey Sandwich (Choose one sandwich)  
Apple, Potato Chips, Cookies and Beverage

**BANQUET: \$12.90**

(Immediately following the show)

Herb Stuffed Chicken Breast  
Traditional or Vegetarian Lasagna  
Whole Kernel Buttered Corn  
Parsley Buttered Red Skinned Potatoes  
Garden Salad  
Roll with Butter  
Assorted Gourmet Cakes  
Beverage

Please send your order with check by March 1, 1994 to:

Mrs. Betty Kealiher  
6625 Seeds Road P.O. Box 144  
Grove City, OH 43123  
875-9584

## WHETSTONE REPORT

### Nancy Kolson, Chairman

On October 9, eight daffodil planters gathered at Whetstone Park in a light rain to plant Beds 1 and 2. They were: Grace Baird, Mary Lou Gripshover, Nancy Kolson, Naomi Liggett, Helen Meeker and Cecile Spitz. Our marvelous diggers were Ray Scholz and his protégé, Jack a volunteer who likes to dig so much that he showed up in the rain.

On October 23, five people showed up to finish planting Bed 3. Planting went fast since the holes had already been dug and super-phosphate incorporated into the bottom soil. Those planters were: Ann Browning-Shaw, Phyllis Hess, Nancy Kolson, Irene Moseley and Cecile Spitz.

Beds 1, 2 and 3 were improved this year by a load of mushroom compost, which made them into raised beds. Super-phosphate was incorporated into the soil at the bottom of the hole and diversion ditches were dug on both sides of each bed to improve drainage.

292 standards were planted and 31 donated miniature cultivars (see accompanying article) were put into the miniature bed and around the sign case. Some of the miniatures were planted in drifts and should be very attractive next spring. The cultivar, Whetstone, was planted in front of the Daffodil Garden sign (which was moved and repainted) at the entrance to the garden.

All in all, we had a very full year. Now we can start planning for next year. We have already started making contacts for TV publicity. Let's hope for another good spring!

## 1993 WHETSTONE DONATIONS

Kathy Anderson: Achantoul, Apropos, Creag Dubh, Dateline, Dove Wings, Everpink, Irvington, La Mancha, Loch Loyal, Loch Maberry, Moon Rhythm, Mountain Dew, Odyssey, Painted Doll, Pastime, Queen of the North, Snowdrift, Southwick, Trona, Vernal Prince

Tag Bourne: Baby Moon, Hawera, *intermedius*, *jonquilla*, Kidling, Little Gem, Minnow, Pixie's Sister, Poet's Way, Rikki, Tête-à-Tête, Wee Bee

Mary Lou Gripshover: Ardour, Arranmore, Ballyknock, Brahms, Cocktail, Cragford, Early



Perfection, Green Goddess, Jaune a Merveille, Kazuko, Klondyke, Loch Rimsdale, Magic Flute, Matador, Nirvana, Ohio, Phebe, Pimm, Revelry, Ringmaster, Rio Dell, Scholar, Small Talk

Handy Hatfield: Bryce Canyon, Celtic Song, Cranbourne, Demand, Desert Bells, Exalted, Fastidious, Geometrics, Gilt Complex, Gimli, Glen Cassley, Gold Chain, Greenbrier, Halley's Comet, Halstock, Hambleton, Hartgrave, High Society, Ice Rim, Juel, Kelanne, Kudos, Lara, Lemon Candy, Loch Brora, Lorikeet, Love Boat, Madruga, Marque, Mission Bells, Murrayfield, Navarone, Newport, Nob Hill, Northwest, Orange Lodge, Outlook, Pay Day, Pipestone, Pukawa, Random Event, Raspberry Rose, Sea Princess, Star War, Tamale Pie, Whetstone, White Satin

Phyllis Hess: Bossa Nova, Calcite, Canarybird, Colley Gate, Duntroon, Gold Convention, Halley's Comet, Imprint, King's Bridge, Kiwi Gold, Leslie Hill, Lilac Charm, Limbo, Meldrum, Mockingbird, Moon Tide, Neahkahnne, Ohio, Panache, Portfolio, Pretty Miss, Rio Bravo, Springdale, Viking, Westholme, Whetstone, White Hunter.

Cindy Hyde: Clare, Pixie's Sister, Rainbow, Ruth Haller, Surfside, Tête-à-Tête, Whetstone

Nancy Kolson: Elka, Gin and Lime, Gypsy, Pipe Major, Plush, Precedent, Radical, Rashee, Replete, Rimmon, Round Robin, Royal Charger, Royal Occasion, Sir Winston Churchill, Snowfire, Sophie Girl, Spring Fashion, Spring Tonic, Strines, Takahe, Tittle Tattle, Tristram, Upper Broughton, Whetstone, Woodland Star

Cecile Spitz: April Tears, *bulbocodium conspicuus*, Chit Chat, Elka, Fairy Chimes, February Gold, Gypsy Queen, Jumblye, Kenellis, Kidling, Lintie, Little Beauty, Little Gem, *x macleayii*, Pixie's Sister, Sidhe, Small Talk, *x tenuior*, Topolino, Wee Bee, *willkommii*

CODS: Baby Moon, Desert Bells, Pixie's Sister, Sun Disc, Sundial



Polly Anderson's husband Ken died recently in California. He had been at Disney Studios discussing plans to make a movie out of his book and suffered a stroke. Polly was a member of the ADS Board for many years



Naomi Liggett

Tag and I are working with The Chadwick Arboretum on daffodil plantings for the west side of the mounds on State Route 315 north of Lane Avenue. OSU faculty is assisting in developing a plan that will also include a succession of wildflower plantings as well as trees, shrubs and flowering displays. Sweeps of daffodils will link the area with Ohio Department of Transportation and Colour Columbus' Roadside Rainbow Program. Federal funds are being made available through the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA). The daffodil plantings will be similar to the plantings along the George Washington Parkway, Washington DC, sweeps that give a sense of motion and carry the eye up and over the mounds. These plantings are planned for the fall of 1994.



Leonora Wilke of Bellbrook, Ohio was made an Honorary member of CODS at the November Meeting.

**DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER:  
March 15, 1994**

Happy New Year