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The Annual Spring Dinner honoring the ladies of Gold Key will be held Friday, the second of May, at the Rolling Hills Country Club in western Fort Lauderdale, it was decided by President Cy Young and his Board of Directors.

Rolling Hills is one of the most beautiful Country Clubs in south Florida and Maitre d' Wendell Troll is preparing an unusually fine dinner affair.

Abby Albert, who spent a number of years at the Stork Club in New York and at the Waldorf Astoria, will furnish dance music and Jill Allen will sing.

A favorite of South Florida audiences, Del Breece, magician, will also entertain and mystify.

Albert will play during the cocktail hour and his trio will furnish dance music.

The Spring party is prepared and planned to be a relaxing, delightful, end-of-the-season affair for busy Gold Key men and women.

Abbey Albert, his piano and his orchestra, former musical director for famed New York Stork Club, will play for cocktails between 7 and 9 p.m., and the Albert trio, will Jill Allen, will play for dancing until midnight.

GOLD KEYSIANS will enjoy participating in the effects and laughs produced by the magic, comedy and entertainment of Del Breece, club, stage and television performer.
HIGHLIGHTS OF SPRING ADVENTURE TO COLOMBIA

We flew to eternal spring from Barranquilla on the coast, up over part of 1,000-mile-long Magdalena River to 4,683-feet-high Medellin, Fort Lauderdale’s sister city. The air is clean, clear, pollen-free. No allergies showed up there.

Tom Adams, Florida Secretary of State, brought copies of the Great Seal of Florida for Latin dignitaries. President Warren Winstead came to the Miami airport, also, to see us off. Reception at the Medellin airport was cordial. City and government officials, the Tourist Development board, and a number of citizens who knew Fort Lauderdale and had participated in sister-city visitations.

Colombia is the only South American country which borders on both the Pacific and the Atlantic (the Caribbean). It touches Venezuela, Brazil, Peru, Panama and Ecuador. It has mountains above 18,000 feet; in places rainfall exceeds 400 inches annually. Its eastern jungle-covered plains are drained by the Orinoco and the Amazon. Occupying the Northwest corner of the continent, it is the most purely Spanish of all South American countries, a fact reflected in its beautiful architecture. Spaniards visited it first, and we learned that Darien was the first permanent settlement on the American mainland (1510).

Gold Key travellers were impressed first by flowers and fruits. Plant lover Mrs. John R. McCurdy identified the following, mostly in full bloom, on the grounds of the American Embassy overlooking Bogata: Dahlia, single and double Fuchsia, Tritoma, Pansies, Bougainvillaea, Agavea, Succulents (Hens & Chickens), Ivy, Blue Hydrangea, Eucalyptus, Geranium, Marguerita Daisies, Shasta Daisies, Roses, Calendulas, Verbenas, Rhodedendron, Cannas, Bromeliads, Orchids, Honeysuckle Vine, Gladiolus, Soosies - Ground Cover, Tropical Shrubs, Impatience - pink flowers, Columbine, Adjuga, Nasturtiums, Carnations, Anthurium - Pink, Spathifilium - White.

Many of the fine woods of Colombia - mahogany, lignum vitae, brazilwood, walnut, cedar and oak were seen in use in estates visited. (When Franklin Roosevelt fished from Fort Lauderdale, after his first election the Chamber of Commerce presented him a big-game rod with a beautiful, live-forever lignum vitae handle by Dale Redman). Eucalyptus, imported from Australia, is a most useful Colombian tree. The flowering cajeput or malleleuca leucaden dron - also from "down under" is widely used in Broward as a windbreak and as an ornamental.

The Guayacan tree is a flaming mass of yellow-gold like the Las Olas Boulevard tababui argentia of Mrs. Alfred J. Beck, Fort Lauderdale botanist. Orchids of many varieties abound. Some estates around Medellin have as many as 20,000 plants. Breathtaking.

Sugarloaf pineapple, sweet as sugar, papaya, grapes, mangoes, tiny finger and regular-sized bananas, momoncello, colibri, a fragrant lime, a sweet fruit like old-fashioned pomegranite, all kinds of citrus and apples were ripe and exceptionally good.

Unexpected talents, qualities and interests come to the fore when a compact group travels strange and foreign lands. Mathematician Norman Parks, a CPA, was a great help in translating values of U.S. money into Colombian. The exchange is 17 pesos for one dollar. Most favorable.

Judge Dick Sauls and Ed Galvin demonstrated expert horsemanship on some of the expensive steeds at La Margarita. Nellie Goettel, golfer, and expert walker, doesn’t care for mountainside tunnels. ...
kept an interested check on heavy construction and bridgework... Bill Stirling commands the Spanish language...

Cy Young, Mayor Peter Clements and John McCurdy had personal and business South American contacts... Betty Sheip's good nature and Mrs. Hazel McLean's travelling ability helped keep things on an even keel... The handsome Hagen girls (Virginia, and her daughter Diane Ebmeier) shopped for fur rugs and Dutch or longleaf cigars... Jim and Mrs. Finlan continued on to Ecuador for the big game fishing when the rest of us headed north...

Heading the GOLD KEY party were president Cy Young and Mary Ellen Young. Others: August and Mrs. Burghard; Mayor F. Peter Clements; Travis and Mrs. Dungan; James T. and Mrs. Finlen; Edgar and Mrs. Galvin; Mrs. Nellie Goettel; John W. and Elizabeth Travis Grace; Mrs. Alvar Hagen; Mrs. Edward (Diane) Ebmeier; Mrs. Paul D. (Adelyne) Lewis; John R. and Mrs. McCurdy; Dr. E. Lee McLean; Mrs. Hazel McLean; Norman and Mrs. Parks; Judge Richard M. Sauls; Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty G.) Sheip; Mrs. Clarella Stirling; Billy Stirling...

The travelers are now more expert on, and aware of, historic churches. Colombia has 17 cathedrals and there are 60 churches in Bogota alone. We visited Iglesia de la Veracruz, built in 1682. Out front we attracted a crowd as we admired and photographed brilliant black and yellow, and some bluish birds in bamboo cages, which were offered for sale.

The Metropolitan Cathedral, beyond the fountains of Olivar Square, is the world's largest church made of baked bricks. Cement to hold them was of native clay mixed with cow's blood. It took the slave workers 58 years to complete this magnificent structure. We saw, but did not enter, the church of San Francisco (1677) with its hand-carved altar overlaid with gold leaf.

The Cathedral de Sal at Zipaguira, 30 miles out from Bogata, was carved out of the inside of a veritable mountain of salt. To reach it, we walked through a huge tunnel almost half a mile long. The main altar was a 15-ton slab of salt. Extraordinary. The trip through the countryside and the stop at the little Ruana factory were interesting.

Colombian foods, taken in moderation, are delightful. There is pollo a la cazadora, or a chicken in butter sauce, baked in wine, mustard and vinegar. A native drink is aquardienta, a fiery corn liquor. Drink a swallow, then chew half a juicy lime. It proved a special favorite of a Colombian Mayor who showed Clements, the McCurdys and the Youngs the correct approach to it. Colombian beer is properly "moderated." Our hosts at Medellin entertained at poolside at the beautiful and expansive Club Campestre and we got a peep at Club Union which covers most of a downtown city block.

High society of Bogata likes the Monserrate Room and the Grill Europa and dines at 10:30 p.m. and later. Folk dancing groups from South America, and a singing group from Chile, were in the city. One midafternoon we lunched at a large native-type restaurant... a succulent potato soup with beans and chicken meat was served with a ladle from a large earthen bowl. Judge Sauls said the rest of the food wasn't a meal - but a project. There was so much of it.

Four pleasant Bogata women - a mother, two daughters and an aunt - joined the group and did sombrero, scarf and lighted-candle dances. Mrs. Galvin, Diane Ebmeier, Billy Stirling and Judge Sauls joined in. Guitarists and singers furnished the music.

In Bogata we took the cable car to the Monserrate Shrine and were rewarded with a panoramic view of the city, 1,000 feet below. Mrs. Parks, whose Tequendama room faced that side, reported the great white statue of Christ, atop another nearby mountain, illumined at night by flood light, seemed to be floating in the heavens.

In Medellin Mayor Ignacio Velez Escobar received the Nova party at the Palacio Municipal - and city hall, with its fountain, patios and mural paintings is indeed a palace. The Diego Uribes opened their palatial Spanish-colonial estate with its beautiful furniture, great doors and spanish tile. We saw some of Colombia's 1,500 species of birds, and beautiful sculpture at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Piedrahita Correa. We got acquainted with the work of Maestro Pedro Nel Gomez, whose great paintings give character to city hall and the School of Mines. This engineer-architect-artist has actually painted 1,800 square meters of frescoes and murals... magnificently.
BEAUTIFUL COLOMBIA
The World contains nothing comparable to the Museum of Gold in Bogata. Great sheets of gold hammered into breast plates, skull pieces, nose decorations and other objects. The World’s largest emerald (1,480 carats). We visited the estate of Simon Bolivar, who led the Revolt of the colonies against the Spanish - the South American George Washington.

In Medellin our host was Mario Marin at his Europa-Normandie Hotel. He is familiar with Fort Lauderdale. He, and his staff including Hilde Weber, and his connections in Bogata did all possible to make our stay pleasant.

There is no room to tell of the Marranada, the Colombian Fiesta Tipica, and only sufficient space left to say that despite the busy schedule the crowd had time for extensive shopping and came back with emeralds and other jewelry, ruanas, leather goods and mementoes of an eventful trip.

NEW MEMBER
DAVIS WEIR

Chairman of the Board of the A F System, Inc.

Davis and his wife Maurine live on South Ocean Boulevard in Pompano Beach.

The Weirs spend eight or nine months in the Broward County area and have done so for the last decade and a half. They are an attractive addition to the social and civic life of the South Florida area.

Davis is particularly interested in boating and fishing and is a member of the Lauderdale Yacht Club, the Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club, the Coral Ridge Country Club and the Navy League.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Good food and a relaxing evening to help bring to a close a busy winter and spring season is planned for the GOLD KEY Spring Formal at Rolling Hills Country Club Friday, May 2.

A dance orchestra, a singer, cocktail music by Abby Albert, and a magician and sleight-of-hand expert will perform.

The Spring Adventure to Sister City Medellin and Colombia’s great capitol Bogata was over in time for many of the travellers to participate in Nova University Day at the beautiful Gulfstream track of the two Jimmy Donns.

NEWSY DOTS

A. L. Mailman will be Chairman of the Board of the New Bank of Miramar, charter of which has been recently approved by the State Banking Commissioner and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Member William D. "Horvitz" has been named as a Director of the new Miramar bank.

Alver Hagen contributed materially to the success of "Nove University Day" at Gulfstream Park on April 24...

And from all reports, he had a great time doing it... with a number of friends to whom he played host.

Ruth Schmidt, wife of Dr. Bruno Walter Schmidt, Poet Laureate of Broward County, has become the Number One member of the "Royal Dames of Nova University," who are organizing to support the Life Sciences Cancer Research Center in the Parker Building.