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GOLD KEY MEMBERSHIP COMPRIS ES
OUTSTANDING "WHO'S WHO" COMPARABLE
TO ANOTHER FAMOUS OLDER GROUP

One Has the Feeling That "In the
Presence of One of These the
World Can't Go Far Astray"

People on the move, creative people, people who
function beyond their own selfish interest, and think in
broad terms of community and national good, in short,
GOLD KEY of Nova University people, are fascinating
to contemplate.

GOLD KEY people are brothers under the skin, and
comparable in many ways to the sixty men who
founded, in Maj. John Wesley Powell's home in 1878,
the COSMOS Club of Washington, D.C.

"From an unpretentious but firm design, they (The
COSMOS Founders) created an organization that has
grown and endured for ninety-one years, carried on in an
unbroken line by men of similar abilities, inclinations,
and objectives.

"They began with a common need and desire - to
have a meeting place where they could enjoy intellectual
and social intercourse for their mutual advancement in
science, literature, and art. They had no other program.
They were men of spirit and accomplishment, the cream
of Washington's scientific and professional life. . . ."

GOLD KEY began, at the direction of the University
Trustees, in late 1966.

Those invited into its membership were also men of
spirit and accomplishment, the cream of the 1960's
professional, social, scientific, and civic life.

Its purpose was to support Nova University.

Its members joined because they knew that:

Nova University is an advanced University, seeking
the gifted and the creative both in student and
faculty members. It offers instruction to doctoral
candidates and post-doctoral fellows.

Nova is a research institution, wholly oriented to
scientific inquiries. Everyone at Nova is primarily
concerned with Research - a place where the
discoverer mind works on tomorrow's problems.

Through its contract programs, Nova maintains a
high degree of sensitivity to needs and trends in
technology, and of the nation's industrial
establishment.

Research training is specialized and is the highest
level of education that we have. It trains leaders,
not the followers, of the next generation.

In short, Nova University is doing now what M. I.
T. and California Institute of Technology would
do if they could start over today.

The Nova ideal and dream are to be the focus
around which industry, technology and the
intellectual community will be attracted to
Southeast Florida.
"The COSMOS Club brought together scientists, men of letters, and artists in a group as diverting and as distinguished as could be assembled anywhere in the United States."

GOLD KEY brought together an almost equally distinguished, and fully as diverting and interesting a group of men as could be assembled in Florida.

GOLD KEY brought together leaders who recognized the need for higher education, the opinion molders, the men who believe in the Nova Concept for college graduates seeking doctorate degrees in the sciences - physics, chemistry, oceanography, atmospherics, mathematics and molecular biology.

The COSMOS organizational meeting was informal. . . a few kindred spirits gathered to discuss the possibility of forming a social organization of "men devoted to or interested in science professionally or otherwise."

Henry S. Pritchett expressed the deep affection the COSMOS Founders had:

"There is something intimate and friendly about a little club. I have a notion that when we all go to Heaven - and, of course, all members of the COSMOS Club will be there - we shall find Heaven made up of little clubs of good fellows."

And so, also, it is with GOLD KEY members, and so, also, hopefully, will they all end up in Heaven!

Pritchett commented:

". . . Twenty-five dollars initiation fee and twenty dollars a year dues seemed a reckless expenditure of money, but I decided to make the great adventure and so became a Founding member of the COSMOS Club. Immortality was never purchased at a smaller price."

Henry Smith Pritchett, Major Powell, and several other COSMOS men had careers which compare favorably, we can report, with-tongue-only-partially-in-cheek, to GOLD KEY members.

Pritchett, 1857-1939, was an astronomer and educator, superintendent of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey (where he established the Division of Magnetism and laid the ground work for the National Bureau of Standards); headed M. I. T. for six years;

Helped initiate the Brookings Institute, Atomic Research at California Tech, and systems of medical study that, according to many, account for America's superior position today in the world of medicine.

He served on the Advisory Council of the National Broadcasting Company, and was a Trustee of the New York Public Library.

My personal favorite of the COSMOS Founders is Major Powell. As a young man, he made long trips alone in his boat on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

He was an outstanding botanist and an excellent public speaker who lost an arm in the Battle of Shiloh. He came out of the Civil War with the rank of Major. He guided naturalists across mountains of Colorado.

In 1869, backed by the Smithsonian Institution, he and nine companions in four specially built boats began a trip from Green River, Wyoming. Three months later they emerged after 1,000 miles of continuous gorges. It was the first successful transit of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River.

He headed the U.S. Geological Survey, and was active in the National Academy of Science. He was interested in the native tribes of the west and planned the Bureau for Indian Affairs.

He was one of the founders of the National Geographic Society, and first president of the COSMOS Club.

GOLD KEY'S dues are One Thousand Dollars annually, making it the major support group of Nova University.

Its members pay fifty times the 1878 dues of COSMOS.

Modern-day COSMOS people wondered if the collecting and printing of biographical data and pictures of the Founders could be justified. They questioned whether these might be of interest only to Club members and perhaps a few descendants.

But how wrong they were. It developed that such a record would be unique, and would prove of great interest to historians, and to others outside the sphere of the Club, and the record should have been compiled much sooner!

GOLD KEYSMEN, too, are unique.

Because of their caliber, accomplishments and contributions, their records are of great interest.

In the GOLD KEY Membership are scientists with national, even world reputations;
Major professional sports leaders, yachtsmen, capitalists, bankers, outstanding attorneys, industrialists and men who held, or hold, key positions in nationally known organizations;

Accounting firm heads, road and bridge builders, financial and investment advisors, poets and artists, and art experts;

Optical goods manufacturers, insurance leaders and resort hotel builders and operators, major real estate dealers and developers, foundation representatives;

Cattle breeders and sod producers, and landscape experts; heads of food and restaurant chains, architects, horse owners, breeders and major racetrack operators, retired officers of the U. S. Armed Services, lumber dealers, writers and authors, and outstanding physicians.

A truly impressive group!

Here is another happy result of the survey of COSMOS Club Founders:

Research showed their average age at time of death was well over 70 years.

In 1900, the average U. S. male lived only 46.6 years.

Perhaps membership in GOLD KEY, as well as the COSMOS Club, carries implicit in it, the promise of longevity!

The reason, perhaps, was contained in this description of Henry Adams, another COSMOS Club Founder:

"— He enjoyed his life amazingly... and he tried hard to fill it with every possible experience."

Another typical COSMOS Founder, predecessor to the distinguished work now being accomplished at Nova University, was Spencer Fullerton Baird, naturalist.

He was the best informed man on the vertebrate fauna found in America...

A friend of John James Audubon, he was given by Audubon a part of his great collection, which cemented Baird's life-long interest in ornithology.

He introduced the Agassiz method of field study in botany and zoology to American education.

He established the marine biological station at Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

From Woods Hole, in more modern times, have come several of Nova University's most distinguished faculty members in the field of Oceanography.

COSMOS Founder Emil Besings participated in the great expedition to the Arctic.

His findings on that expedition on the influence of the Gulf Stream on waters in the far north are still a significant part of our hydrographic knowledge...

... And Nova University is continuing to add materially to that knowledge of the Gulf Stream.

This was said of Pritchett, and it could be said with equal assurance of any member of GOLD KEY:

"One has the feeling in his presence that the world could not go very far astray."

And so the Novacrat, and Nova University, salute the men who have pioneered GOLD KEY — and who will stand on a par with any group in any “Heaven made up of little Clubs of good fellows.”

The world cannot go far astray with more men like those who make up this organization.

GOLD KEYSMEN could well be considered founding participants if they become active in the first few years of this organization.

Names of GOLD KEY Members and those who helped get GOLD KEY operating follow:

* W. Howard Allen
  Dr. Myron L. Ashmore
  Sidney Banks
  Robert O. Barber
  Gregory J. Barry
  Aaron Barzilay
  Donald U. Bathrick
  J. Robert Baumgartner
  L. F. R. Bellows
  Bernard Castro
  Gordon S. Cook
  Robert M. Curtis
  D. F. Dold
  James Donn, Jr.
  James Donn, Sr.
  Travis Dungan
  W. Tinsley Ellis
  Gilbert P. "Gil" Edwards
  Robert C. Ellyson
It took COSMOS Club Members and admirers eighty eight years to produce the hardbacked, thin, wonderful little book, *Founders of The COSMOS Club.*

The Novacrat predicts:

It certainly will not be that long before the story of the founding Members of GOLD KEY OF NOVA UNIVERSITY is officially told.  

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**IN MEMORIAM**

W. Howard Allen

This organization, with all of Nova University, and all of the other organizations, groups and individuals he served, mourns Howard’s death.

He was a GOLD KEY founder, and vice chairman of the first committee on members. He was vice chairman of the Nova University Board of Trustees.

To wife Inez and William and Judith, their son and daughter, go our deepest sympathy.

A truly outstanding man has been lost.
BOAT GIFTS AID
OCEANOGRAPHIC STUDIES AND
OTHER WORK OF UNIVERSITY

"ON TIME" donated by Ray E. Titus, Chicago Financier. 32' Chris Craft - first yacht donated to Nova's Oceanographic Program. (September, 1966)

It is fitting that in this, the Yachting Capital of the world, gifts of pleasure craft are increasingly important in the development of Nova University.

Donated vessels are used by the Oceanographic Center and/or in trade for vessels more suitable for research projects, or are sold and the funds applied to University purposes.

Also received by the University: valuable radio and marine equipment, ten acres of extremely valuable Port Everglades land as the permanent site of the Oceanographic Center of the University (from the Broward County Commission), and funds to dredge a basin on the new site.

Ray Titus, who donated the first craft, the "On Time," and John Monson, who gave a 42-foot Wheeler, are working with James H. "Jim" Brodhead, Director of Development, to set up the Nova Anchor Club, a no dues, no meetings "recognition" outfit whose sole purpose is to procure additional boats for the University program.

If all of the thirty fine craft donated to date (June 5, 1969) were placed end to end, they would make a handsome yachtcade 941 feet long!

And their assessed value would be $433,110.

"GYPSY" 101 ft. yacht - donated by Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred J. Stroh of Fort Lauderdale and Detroit. Mrs. Wilfred J. Stroh, seated on deck. (April, 1968).

"GULFSTREAM" 54' steel-hulled. Oceanography's Research Vessel (through grant from National Science Foundation).
Brodhead's goal for the new Anchor Club is the production of a minimum of three boat gifts per month for Nova University.


The yachts and boats and their former owners are:

"Arlis"-Thomas A. Materson; "Aquabat" ("Bubs")-Charles A. Gerhardt; "Cochlea"-Marvin Schultz, M.D.; "Elb"-Thomas B. Stanley, Jr. and John D. Stanley;

"Ellanor"-L. H. Howe; "Ellen B II"-Lester Keiser, M.D.; "Eso-Es"-Richard A. Williams; Goodwin Houseboat-Leo Goodwin; "Gypsy"-Wilford J. Stroh;

"Herreshoff" Yacht Tender-Alan O. Stearns; "Keva"-Kenneth V. Sherouse, Jr.; "Kilaine"-Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hornor, Jr.; "Lark"-Howard F. Stirn;


"Pegasus II"-John S. Hewett; "Safe-T-Craft"-Mrs. Margaret C. Eggleton; "San Gi"-Sidney Levinsohn; "Seaskiff"-23'-Ralph W. Maxwell;

"Susie"-Louis W. Parker; "Ticonderoga"-Robert F. Johnson; "Vanity Fair"-Mr. James C. Weyms, Northern Flying & Marine Service; "Wahoo II"-Curtin Coleman; "Wantiki"-Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stirling;

"Woodson Boat"-Frederick Youngblood; "White Swan"-Robert Mck. Peck, Peck Associates, Inc.; "DMZ"-Clyde Deal; "Sea Skiff"-Kenneth Langley. A few of the gift yachts are pictured.

"Jim" Brodhead is presently perfecting plans for an organization to receive gifts of airplanes.

"SUSIE" 55' Chris Craft Constellation from Louis W. Parker (October, 1966). *Left to right seated:* Architect Clinton K. Gamble, Trustee Robert O. Barber, Kelly Siddall, Dr. Parker, Donor, C. I. Rice. *Standing:* M. R. Young, Gold Key president, Trustees Robert C. Ellyson, the late W. Howard Allen, L. C. Judd, President Warren Winstead. (Eight of the ten men pictured are GOLD KEY Members).


Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hornor of Fort Lauderdale donated 31' Bertram to University. (March, 1969). (In center Dr. William Richardson, of Oceanography).

**RUNNSTROM INDUSTRIES ACQUIRES TAMPA CORPORATION**

Runnstrom Industries, Inc. has recently acquired Hill Marine Refrigeration, Inc., of Tampa, in its ever-increasing expansion program.

W. C. "Bill" Runnstrom, President, announced that Kyle Morris, of Fort Lauderdale, will head Hill Marine. Morris is also President of Marinaire Corporation, of Fort Lauderdale, which is another subsidiary of Runnstrom Industries.

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MEET NEW MEMBER

TRAVIS DUNGAN

He is president-owner of Carter Construction Company, 1901 Northeast 15 Avenue, and is engaged in heavy foundation work, handling massive jobs in pilings, seawalls, bridges, tunnels and docks in peninsula Florida.

Travis and Charlotte Dungan and their three children, Travis Patrick, Lane and Gregory, live at 3617 Northeast 24 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale.

He attended Rice Institute, Houston, Texas. While in the United States Air Force, he also took special courses at the University of Georgia, Athens.

He was born in Natchez, Mississippi, came to Miami in 1949, and has been established in Fort Lauderdale since 1951.

His hobbies are studying, examining, and visiting engineering and construction work in his particular field. He is a swimmer and a former tennis player.

Charlotte, a New Yorker, plays tennis, and keeps busy as President, for her second term, of the Henderson Clinic Auxiliary.

They attend St. John The Baptist Church and are members of the Lauderdale Yacht Club.