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Membership Meeting - Jan. 20, 1974

The new year started out with a touch of sadness for the Lakeland Mycology Club when it accepted the resignation of President Ed Bosman and his wife Joan Bosman, Corresponding Secretary. As you know from our last newsletter, Ed and Joan are moving to Connecticut for business reasons.

The club duties which they performed with dedication and imagination were the subject of the meeting. The meeting was highlighted with a presentation by the Executive Committee of a silver comemorative bowl. Club funds were not used for this token of the Club's affection for two people who developed and directed the club from its inception.

Joan Bosman shared her usual warmness and talent by providing delicious servings of both commercial and wild mushrooms while future plans were being discussed. Ed showed a portion of his slide collection.

Due to their resignations, and in accordance with the LMC constitution the First Vice President, Neil McDonald, now becomes President and Victor Gambino assumes the duties of 1st Vice President and Corresponding Secretary. The balance of the executive staff remains unchanged.

Neil is quite an asset to the Club and his introduction to LMC was a happy accident. It seems that several years ago Neil was hiking through Stokes Forest when he saw a group of people climbing about with baskets occasionally stooping down to pick up something. Drawn by curosity, he discovered that it was an LMC foray. "That's for me" he said, and since then he has been an active member. Those who forayed with us last year will recall that it was Neil who scheduled and arranged the forays, and that he didn't miss a single event. Neil designed and drew this letterhead and his thorough knowledge of mushrooms is to be envied.

Next Membership Meeting - Saturday Feb. 9, 1974 2:00 p.m.

In keeping with the policy of meeting the second weekend of each month during the winter season, a general membership meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9, 1974 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Col. and Mrs. Stan Tyler's home, 75 Summit Trail, Sparta, N.J. (See driving instructions at conclusion of this newsletter). With the current uncertainty of the gas situation, it was felt that a Saturday meeting would pose fewer problems. Meetings will alternate between Saturdays and Sundays in the future.

The Feb. 9th meeting will feature a slide program. Ed & Joan Bosman have promised to attend.

The winter meetings provide the best opportunity to expand our mycological knowledge which in turn makes our seasonal forays more pleasurable.

MUSHROOM-OF-THE-MONTH

Genus Lactarius .

Among the larger fleshy and normally edible mushrooms of conspicious size is the Genus Lactarius. This genus is characterized by its ability to exude a watery or milky "juice" when injured. This juice is often the means of identification as it ranges in color from liquid to vivid blue and purple. The Genus Lactarius is closely related to the Genus Russula which share many common physical details. However, the ability to exude juices provides a positive means of distinction between the two. The following is a list of some of the more common varieties and the color of their "juice".

| L. Volemus | milky white |
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| L. Piperatus | milky white |
| L. Corrugis | milky white |
| L. Indigo | deep blue |
| L. Subpurpureus | dark purple |
| L. Deliciosus | orange |
| L. Chelidonium | saffron yellow |
| L. Uvidus | white changing to lilac |
| L. Thiogalus | white changing to bright yellow |
| L. Chrysorrheus | white changing to bright yellow |
| L. Resimus | white changing to bright yellow |
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Lactarius are delicious when baked:

Add butter, olive oil or strips of bacon, sprinkle with herbs, and bread crumbs, and season to taste.

Directions

The Tyler's home is located at 75 Summit Trail in Sparta. It may be reached from the west by taking Route 206 North of Route 80 to Route 517 East at Andover. Approx 3 miles on 517 East take a right at Westgate Drive to Partridge Lane follow Partridge Lane and make a left at Valley View Road to a right turn on Summit Road to Summit Trail.

From the East, take Route 15 North of Route 80 to Route 517 West approx I mile make a left turn at Westgate Drive and follow the above instructions.

The Tylers will display a mushroom in front of their home.