

LITERARY CLUB PAPERS SEPTEMBER 2006 - JUNE 2010

ALPHABETICAL BY AUTHOR

Aiken, Scott A.

Biography (Jeremiah Morrow: A principal and principled founder of Ohio)
 "I Know No Master" 10/16/06

Social/Political Commentary (Parallels between the U.S. in the 1850's and today:
 economic crisis, immigration furor and division over whether the federal
 government should or should not intervene in social and economic affairs)
 "Creber Porcellis Africus", 3/9/09

Anderson, Irvine H.

Biography (General Charles Gordon, 1800s British military hero, killed at
 Khartoum: his absolute self-confidence, bravado, military exploits,
 literalist Christianity, fixation on self-assumed sins, and certainty
 of life after death)
 "A Most Unusual Man", 11/22/10

Andress, Frank J.

Personal Well-Being (Financial advice)
 "What My Grandchildren Need to Know About Saving and Investment), 12/11/06

History, Social/Political Commentary (Causes and events leading to the financial
 collapse of 2008)
 "Why the Chickens Have Come Home! Where To From Here?", 12/15/08

Asblury, Taylor

Biography (Eslie Asbury: Greatly influential in medicine, civic affairs, horse
 breeding, professional baseball; and patriarch for many years of the
 Literary Club)
 "As as As Was", 3/31/08

Biography (Andrew Jackson)
 "Andrew Jackson, His Friends and Foes", budget 9/2710

Literary Club (Personal evaluation)
 "Our Club: Then and Now", budget 9/27/10

Aug, J. Vincent, Jr.

Social/Political Commentary (Science, unscientific science, fraud science, and
 "expert" court testimony)
 "Who Do Voodoo", 2/5/07

Social/Political Commentary (Carrying concealed weapons: complexities and subtleties
 of relevant laws, a concealed weapons training class taken by the author,
 interpersonal problems from being known to carry a weapon, sociological studies
 of general weapon carrying and the crime rate)
 "Packing", budget 9/28/09

Barrett, C. Francis

Social/Political Commentary (Why Pete Rose should and should not be allowed into the Baseball Hall of Fame)

"The Hall", 10/23/06

Social/Political Commentary (The role the friendship between Eugene Ruehlman and Mike Brown, both honorable men, played in the disastrous contract between the county and the Bengals concerning Paul Brown Stadium)

"A Friend in Need", 3/16/09

Bennett, Thomas P.

Personal Recreation and Well-Being (Fictional account of a sail boat excursion, with much technical terminology)

"On the Water", budget 1/26/09

Biography (Descriptions by dying individuals who report they have glimpsed life after death, and comments by them upon the present life)

"Tales from the Edge", 1/18/10

Betsky, Aaron

Autobiography (His experiences as Director of the 2008 International Architecture Biennale Venice, the world's largest and most important architecture exhibition)

"A Telephone Call", 5/10/10

Literary Commentary (How poetry can open to the reader otherwise unknowable aspects of life, the world, and emotion)

"The Space of Poetry", budget 9/26/11

Black, David D.

Science/Technology (River barriers against tidal surges, tidal electric generators)

"Wrong Way" 11/3/06

Religion (Contradictions between radical Islamic practice and what the Koran prescribes)

Social/Political Commentary (How a federal prosecutor used drug laws to deprive a physician of his medical license, all of his assets, his ability to defend himself in court, and effectively his freedom for the rest of his life)

"Two Questions", 9/22/08

Block, Stanley L.

Medicine (19th century feral child, the "Wild boy of Aveyron": discovery; attempts to deal with him; consequent development of programs for treating "idiot" children, culminating in the methods of Eduard Seguin, which in turn influenced modern methods of teaching retarded children)

"Seguin", 5/11/09

Brackett, John K.

Fiction (Broken love, loneliness, and racial violence for a black sharecropper)

"The Blues", budget 11/27/06

Original Poetry/Prosetry (An ill-fated pair of lovers travel through the African jungle toward projected freedom from the treatment by men of women as lower animals, observing examples of such treatment along the way. An allegory of blacks in America.)

"Guanya Pau: The Legend of an African Princess", 2/16/09

Fiction (A re-telling of Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice, set in the American ante-bellum South, with a former slave become a land and slave owner as the money lender, a white man who had earlier that day spat on the preceding as borrower, and a rural judge who only pretended to have studied law as the expounder of exact legality, Portia)

"The Extraction of Liberty", 6/6/11

Bridgeland, James R., Jr.

Art/Architecture (Looking at paintings, not aesthetically for the feelings they arouse, but intellectually as sources of information about life),

Biography (Paul Cezanne: life, artistic style, influence)

"Negative Capability", 9/15/08

Autobiography (Memories of a summer spent with his grandparents when the author was 9 years old)

"Spots of Time", 1/17/11

Briggs, Henry P.

Biography (The ASTP of WWII, his brother Stewie, killed in the war, and George C. Marshall)

Sacrifice, Stewie, and Marshall ", 11/5/07

Biography (An attempt by the author to understand his mentally brilliant and ultimately reclusive brother, Loring thrice wounded in WWII)

[no title], 4/26/10

Burdell, Edward L.

Sports (The autographs of Ewell Blackwell, "Happy" Chandler, and Babe Ruth on a baseball give rise to biographical vignettes of those legendary baseball figures and their connection to Cincinnati in the summer of 1947)

"It's All About the Ball", 3/2/09

History (Ireland from the 17th century to the present with most emphasis on the bloody Catholic-Protestant conflict in Northern Ireland starting in 1920)

"I Must Be the Luckiest...", 6/13/11

Burleigh, William R.

History (Building the nuclear facilities at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and producing the first atomic bomb during WWII)

"Secret City", 1/14/08

Science (The Ivory Billed Woodpecker: description, abilities, specialized habitat, presumed extinction due to destruction of habitat and insatiable collection of carcasses by ornithologists, and possible but disputed recent sightings)
 “Have You Seen Elvis?”, 4/27/09

Caldwell , John D.

Autobiography (Boyhood country drives with Aunt Kate and the purchase of an antique table)
 “The Table”, budget 9/25/06

Campbell, John L.

History (Reluctant Revolutionary War cooperation between generals Anderson, Wayne, and Lafayette)
 "Ego", budget 2/26/07

Original Poetry/Prosetry (What makes a boy play football?)
 "The Question", budget 2/26/07

Social/Political Commentary (A father's reaction to a teen age daughter: an exclamation)
 "The Challenge", budget 2/26/07

History (The personal conflicts facing Major Robert Anderson, commander of Fort Sumter, in the seven days leading up to the surrender of the Fort, as set out in a letter to his brother and in other primary sources)
 “The Anderson Papers”, 10/12/09

Carey, G. Gibson IV

Biography (His father, a professional African big game hunter in the 1920's and 30's)
 "Big Game", 11/20/06

Humor (Changing a box of P&G cake mix into a raging gorilla)
 "Helzer Redix", Trustee Holiday Paper, 12/18/06

Autobiography, Humor (An in-car briefcase fight between members of a car pool)
 “Peace on Earth”, Trustee Holiday Paper, 12/17/07

Humor (Situations, some pleasant but most irritating, in which Yogi Berra’s phrase is appropriate)
 “Deja Vu All Over Again”, budget 2/25/08

Autobiography, Social/Political Commentary (Not helping a homeless man leads to volunteering at the Free Store/?Food Bank. Steve Gibbs, the energy behind the development of the Free Store/Food Bank. Its services, continuing and new)
 “The Homeless Man”, Trustee Holiday paper, 12/22/08

Personal Recreation and Well-Being (The pleasures of canoeing. Canoe making from birch bark to plastic)
 “Messing About”, budget 1/26/09

Biography (Catherine de Medici, Queen of France, mother of 3 succeeding kings, who created French cuisine, introduced the fork and graceful table settings, raised women to adornment status, and otherwise helped bring the Renaissance to France)

“Queen of the Fork”, budget 3/30/09

Humor (A cautionary tale: The author and a friend embark on the business of manufacturing the world’s finest shotgun, with product success and mafia-scented financial disaster)

“The Cobbler’s Last”, 5/4/09

Humor (Author and brothers as boys frantically work to hide from their father damage to a swimming pool wall blown apart by the forbidden use of an elephant gun)

“The Swimming Pool”, budget 9/28/09

Literary Club (Aspects of the Club and past Club papers the author particularly values)

“Great Expectations”, President’s Annual Banquet paper, 10/25/10

Carothers, Charles O.

Cave, David

Miscellaneous (The value and uses of imagination)

"What Are We Doing Here? A Paean", 1/8/07

Philosophy (Spinoza’s metaphysics and views derived therefrom on the nature and means to happiness, with views of other writers on the same subject)

“To Garden or Not To Garden”, 12/7/09

Christenson, Gordon A.

Biography (Margaret Holloman, portrayed through Christmas conversation and activity)

"Margaret's Christmas Tree", Trustee Holiday paper, 12/18/06

Literary Club (Historical development of permanent archival copies of papers, and the importance of such copies against ephemeral memories of spoken presentations)

"From the Outside In", President's Anniversary Banquet paper, 10/29/07

Autobiography (The author's unexpected DNA profile, his paternal ancestors, his intellectual break with the Mormon theology and practical break with the Mormon church as an institution)

"Who is Joseph? ", 3/8/10

Christopherson, Archiie J.

History (The conviction for aspiring to tyranny of Spurius Cassius in 485 B.C. Rome and the growing attempts by the Patricians to gain political hegemony versus the Plebians)

“An Unsung Hero of Early Rome”, budget 1/28/08

Fiction (A man’s life is seized and destroyed by an intense sexual passion)

“Love and Hate: Ben’s Case”, 1/19/09

Literary Commentary (Part 1. An explanation of why the rage of Achilles in the Iliad disappeared: the realization that the only honor of any value due a hero is that given by the gods for courage, not that given by men for prowess in battle. Part 2. Odysseus interpreted as a master military tactician who would rather have been a minstrel story teller.)

“Heroism: A Question of Epic Proportions”, 5/9/11

Coleman, E. Pope

History (Of Bourbon whiskey)

"Red Whiskey", 11/6/06

Covatta, Anthony G.

History, Autobiography (Three accounts of how men, in the face of overwhelming enemy forces, turned military defeat into a high order victory: Xenophon and the Greeks in Persia, U.S. marines at Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War, and the author at age 8 in dirt clod throwing battle.)

“We Have Done What Men Can, We Have Done What Men Must”, 6/9/08

Autobiography, Literary Commentary (A retrospective evaluation of the life style, attitudes, and writings of the “beat” poets of the 1970’s, all of which the author did not realize in college he admired as much as he grudgingly now has to admit to himself that he does)

“Return to Xanadu”, 1/10/11

Literary Commentary (Analysis of Robert Frost’s poem “Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening”)

“Stopping by Woods on a Fall Evening”, budget, 9/26/11

Curry, Herbert F.

Biography (Audie Murphy)

"The Wounded Carbine", 1/22/07

Davis, Frank G.

Davis, Leland

Personal Well-Being (At age 85, a resolution made to lead a relaxed, unfretting life, enjoying each moment as it comes instead of worrying about the next;. Many quotations supporting such a life)

“Miles to Go”, 6/2/08

Diehl, John A.

Literary Club (Famous visitors to the Club from Ralph Waldo Emerson to Alex Haley)

"A Galaxy of Guests", Historian's Anniversary Banquet paper, 10/30/06

Literary Club (Woody Garber's purchase of wine for the sesquicentennial banquet, its disappearance, and replacement at great expense by George Rieveschl)

“The Wayward Wine for Ninety-Nine”, Historian's Anniversary Banquet paper,
10/29/07

Literary Club (19th century members Thomas Buchanan Read and James Murdoch; and
the writing and first reading, both in Cincinnati, of Read's poem “Sheridan's
Ride” in 1864)

History (General Philip Sheridan's emergency dash by railroad engine from Washington
to Winchester, and gallop, celebrated in the poem “Sheridan's Ride”, from
Winchester to the battlefield of Cedar Creek)

“The Gallop to Glory”, Historian's Anniversary Banquet paper, 10/27/08

Literary Club (Description of the 1887 Club rooms and members)

Biography (Henry Farney)

Fiction (A paper by Henry Farney, read May 28, 1887, entitled “Sorrel Horse and the
Thunder God”, on a self-declared future-predicting Indian)

“Sorrel Horse and the Thunder God”, Historian's Anniversary Banquet paper,
10/26/09

Biography (General George B. McClellan: His military career, personal
character, and a member of the Literary Club whose name virtually
disappeared from any mention in Club records and was finally restored)

“Our Mystery Member”, Historian's Annual Banquet paper, 10/25/10

Dorsey, Robert W.

History (Of flags and their relation to war, especially the U.S. Civil War. Discussion of t
he Burnet Rifles and its flag folded and framed in the Literary Club; prospects for
its renovation)

“Rally”, President's Anniversary Banquet paper, 10/27/08

History (A sketch of the history of France from the fall of Rome to the 13th century)

Art/Architecture (History and description of Gothic cathedrals, with special attention to
Notre Dame de Paris)

Religion/Religion Related (Mary, the patron saint of gothic cathedrals named “Notre
Dame”, or “Our Lady”, considered as an historic person, including a comparison
with Anne Frank)

“Four Letter Words), 2/21/11

Autobiography (Experiences working as a Coo-Op student on the recently demolished
Taft High School, including weighing down wind-blown bunting with small sand
bags one of which came loose and nearly hit the dedication speaker, Richard
Nixon.)

“Sandbagging Richard Nixon”, budget 3/28/11

Durham, James E.

Fiction (Encountering weres and finding oneself one of them. Weres are the race
of which werewolves are the criminal element.)

"Thor's Story", budget 9/25/06

Fiction (Mark Twain and Ambrose Beirce have an hallucination of 2006 San
Francisco)

"Never the Twain", budget 1/29/07

History (The men who conceived and financed, and some who participated in, the founding of Jamestown Virginia. Pocahontas as tribal leader handling foreign affairs.)

"In Appreciation or Apologies to William Shakespeare", 3/23/09

Edmundson, David G.

Music (Mid-20th century "country" music as a descendant of the 19th century minstrel shows combined with folk ballad nostalgia for a time and place which never really existed)

"Oh! The Night That I Struck New York", 11/12/07

Literary Club (Love, in the sense of affection, of the Club and fellow members as what unites, and has always united and preserved, the Club)

"Blessed Be the Ties that Bind", President's Anniversary Dinner paper, 10/26/09

Eynon, Ernest A. II

Art/Architecture (The private, and almost secret, Albert Barnes collection of 19th and 20th century paintings: its history entwined with Barnes' life, his rigid control of it, and posthumous legal machinations over it)

"Seeing Art", 5/5/08

Biography (Wendy Kopp, who immediately after graduation from college, through imaginative vision, enthusiasm, ignorance of the difficulties, daring, and naivete created the educational equivalent of the Peace Corps, Teach for America)

"Choice", 5/2/11

Faaborg, Robert W.

History (Attitudes and laws concerning usury from Plato to the present)

Social/Political Commentary (Effects of credit card debt and high college expenses upon student lives and education choices)

"Nor a Lender Be", 12/4/06

Social/Political Commentary (History and present status of the doctrine that a jury has a constitutional right to disregard the law and bring a verdict based on justice as understood by the local community)

"The Very Palladium of Free Government", 6/8/09

Fitzgerald, James T.

Art/Architecture (Finding Zaha Hadid to be the architect of the Contemporary Arts Center Building at 6th and Walnut Streets)

"The Diva", 1/21/08

Miscellaneous (History, geography, and sociology of Venezuela)

Autobiography (Robbery at gunpoint in a private home in Venezuela)

"Café Con Leche", 5/17/10

Flessa, Herbert C.

Fletcher, Kingston

Biography (His ancestors, especially Grandfather Albert)
 "But Where's Aalbert", 1/15/07

Autobiography (Amusing anecdotes involving problems conducting Procter and Gamble
 business in various foreign countries)
 "Gullible's Travels", 6/1/09

Flick, Russell Dale

Autobiography (Friendship at age 10 with a 102 year old black lady)
 "Memories of Old Bessie", budget 1/29/07

History (The collision of the Stockholm and the Andrea Doria, the sinking of the Doria,
 and facts revealed in subsequent court hearings)
 "How Could This Happen?", 12/1/p08

Literary Club (A presentation of all the information so far found on the visit of Mark
 Twain and George Cable to the Club on Saturday evening, January 3, 1885)
 "On the Road with Mark and George", budget 3/28/11

Franz, Paul A.

Language/Linguistics (Origin of "The perfect is the enemy of the good."
 "The Enemy of the Good", budget 2/26/07

Biography (Two biographies in contrast: Thomas More, who sacrificed position and life
 for a principle, and Charles Maurice Talleyrand, who sacrificed all principle for
 position and wealth, raising the question, which man, if either, can be called a
 "hero of selfhood")
 "More ... and Less", 11/17/08

Sports (A day of shooting sporting clays, a descendant of trap shooting, in midwinter
 temperature, wind, and driven snow)
 "The Sporting Life", budget 9/28/09

Autobiography (The bar/restaurant owned by the author's father and uncle at the corner
 of Bates and Colerain in Cincinnati's Camp Washington area in the 1930's-50's:
 its surrounding neighborhood, previous owner, layout and furnishings, offerings,
 clientele as groups and noteworthy individuals, employees, and the author's
 experiences as a boy and teenager there.)
 "The Store", 3/14/11

Friedlander, William A.

Biography (The Medici family: origin, sources of wealth. and patronage of artists which
 largely fueled the Renaissance. Special attention to Lorenzo de Medici, called
 "The Magnificent")
 "Il Magnifico", budget 3/30/09

Gass, Richard G.

Fiction (A dean's decision to eliminate a department because of financial exigency turns
 deadly)
 "The Maine Event", budget 11/24/08

Autobiography (Glacier camping and climbing in Wrangell National Park in Alaska)
 "A Flat in Paris", 4/11/11

Gatch, Lewis

Biography (Gatch family history. His father's successful investment policy)
 "Guess What Dad Did!", 10/15/087

Social/Political Commentary (The phenomenon of deliberately not asking questions when knowledge might cause trouble with something one wants. A plea that listeners will not indulge in such willful ignorance of how eating "Chilean sea bas", a.k.a Patagonian toothfish, is driving the species to extinction)
 "Willful Ignorance", budget 2/22/10

Geier, Otto P., Jr.

Social/Political Commentary (Areas which Americans are becoming unable to handle, principally: economics, from not learning from the past; education, from letting digital training supplant content learning
 "The Age of Dysfunction", budget 2/23/09

Gleason, Edward S.

"Coincidence", 10/8/07
 Religion (The nature and ubiquitous appropriateness of prayer)

Autobiography (Significant moments in the author's relationships with other people)
 "Nose Prints on the Kitchen Window", 3/1/10

Greengus, Samuel

Fiction (Signumd Altheimer: scholar and cuneiform expert)
 "There Were Giants", 3/10/08

Fiction (Young boys in an orthodox Jewish seminary, and how one sinned in order to escape attending)
 "Love the Sinner", budget 11/30/09

Biography (Molly Maniker, probably the author's grandmother, an emigrant from Tsarist Russia, and her frustrated attempts to further her education while rearing a family, and facing a tradition against education for women)
 "Molly's Diploma", 10/3/11

Hait, Richard S.

History (The Constitutional status of U.S. Vice Presidents, and the roles, if any, they have played in government)
 "The 12th and the 25th", 10/2/06

Hall, Virginius C.

History (The origin by Rosee in 1652 of London coffee houses, their social effects, and the illiterary and financial institutions they spawned)
 "A Club Tie for Pasqua Rosee" 5/14/07

History (The exile life of Napoleon on St. Helena, and lasting mysteries and questions surrounding his death)

"Arsenic and Green Wallpaper", 1/4/10

Harwood, Britton J.

Social/Political Commentary (Cultural and calendar similarities between English law courts and academic institutions. A plea for a return to the medieval disputation method of teaching.)

"The First Monday in October", budget 9/24/07

Literary Commentary (Differences in the griefs that led two professors to weep in class)

"Two Who Wept", budget 9/24/07

Literary Commentary (The classic, strict sense of the word "tragedy", with illustrations, including Nixon's informal farewell talk the day after he resigned as President)

"The Leaving of It", 10/4/10

Herz, Walter P.

History (The 19th century public and legal battles over daily Bible reading <King James version> and related hymn singing in the Cincinnati Public Schools)

"Eighth and Plum", 2/11/08

Horwitz, Harry

Howell, Gareth

Religion, History, Literary Commentary, (Wales: its religious tradition, its roles in British and American history, its literature and literary influence)

"A Memorable Honour", 12/3/07

Miscellaneous (Miscellaneous remarks)

"Dissolution", 4/12/10

Joffe, Craig

Social/Political Commentary (A comparison of the effect of changing political and economic conditions upon race relations and segregation in South Africa and the United States from the mid-19th to the mid-20th centuries)

"The Divergence and Convergence of Parallel Paths: A Personal Story", 11/2/09

Judd, Charles

Social/Political Commentary (Where and why democracy has appeared and where and why it has not)

"Does Democracy Change Us?", budget 1/29/07

Language/Linguistics (Common colloquial phrases)

"Everyday Wisdom", budget 1/29/07

Keating, William

History (The Associated Press)

"AP: A Portal to the World", 3/5/07

Miscellaneous (Some lists of 7 Wonders of the World)
 "The Eighth Wonder", 10/19/09

Kesterman, Richard R.

History (Of the land which is now Lytle Park, 1795 to the present: successive owners, divisions, and combinations of the land)
 "Meet the Neighbors", 11/3/08

History (Taverns, which also functioned as inns, of 18th century Virginia: owners, exteriors and interiors, furnishings, food and drink offerings, kinds of entertainment, and comments of travelers)
 "Eat, Drink, and Be Merry", 3/7/11

Knowles, Emerson

Autobiography (Lessons for life learned while struggling with the trauma of his wife's stroke, especially the value of small kindnesses)
 "Lessons Learned", 10/22/07

Social/Political Commentary (Facts and figures which show that, contrary to what a century of price inflation suggests, Americans can buy much more in quantity, quality, and kinds of products for an average hour's pay today than they could in times past)
 "Great Hoax", 6/7/10

Kremzar, Michael H.

History (St. Crispin's Day of Henry V fame, and the cobbler brothers Sts. Crispin and Crispinian)
 "The Cobblers", budget 4/30/07

History (How the death of Baron von Richtoven, a.k.a. the Red Baron, in wwI led to Germany's defeat in WWII)
 "Three Aces", 12/10/07

Language/Linguistics (Conditions under which writing developed in European cultures and analysis of why it never appeared in North America until Europeans arrived)
 "Magic Pictures", 4/19/10

Laffoon, Polk

Fiction (A woman suddenly realizes that she has subordinated her married life to her husband, when business keeps him from attending a ceremony honoring her rather than him; and she begins to wonder whether it was all worthwhile)
 "Ties that Bind", budget 2/22/10

Biography (Cole Porter: his life and music)
 "Lyrically Inclined", 10/18/10

Lauf, Richard I.

Fiction (A mutiny among American troops in Vietnam makes necessary the precipitous U.S. abandonment of the war. The paper includes a non-fictional, accurate description of the lack of discipline, drug use, and officer irresponsibility during the latter days of the war.)

“The Great Mutiny”, 3/22/10

Levy, Nodrman A.

Humor, Original Poetry/Prosetry (Verses occasioned by recent headlines, 7th edition; Poems descriptive of Hilton Head Island)

“Seven Come Eleven”, 3/17/08

Lindy, Jacob D.

Autobiography (Experiences, told by himself and a partially fictional Yiddish book collector, tracing a childhood memory of how a pogrom in the Russian Pale and later traumas in the 20th century affected the lives of contemporary East European therapists and 4 generations of his own family)

“Smudge”, 2/18/08

Fiction (A native American “dream-catcher” narrates the story of an Appalachian-Korean woman who falls from a cliff, either murdered or by suicide. Various characters view the story as detective mystery, cultural conflict, ghost story, or tragic suicide.)

“Pacts”, 10/11/10

Lorman, Thomas A.

Social/Political Commentary (The lapel poppy and memorializing war dead)
"They Shall Remember", budget 11/27/06

History (Of Transylvania)

“Transylvania”, 4/7/08

Music (Anton Bruckner: a biographical sketch, a laudatory discussion of his music, and a description of the contempt with which the music was received in his lifetime)

“Like a Stone That Fell From the Moon”, 11/1/10

Lowry, Peter H.

History (The ancient Assyrian army’s supply system; the spring and aqueduct through solid rock which saved Jerusalem from the Assyrian siege)

“The Water, the Tunnel, and History”, 4/6/09

History (Descriptions of the Sunday mornings of several people and families on December 7, 1941, before the news of the attack on Pearl Harbor arrived)

“The Morning of the Day”, 12/6/10

MacLeod, John A.

Matthews, Jeffrey B.

Autobiography (Teenage absorption with chess), History (Of chess and chess players)

“Beating Mr. Turner, 9/18/06

Maxwell, Stewart Shillito

Art/Architecture (The John Shillito mansion, "Highland Terrace", completed 1866, demolished 1967
"The Search", 2/19/07

Biography (The Emery family, especially John J. Emery, Jr.)
Art/Architecture (The Terrace Plaza Hotel: its history, architectural design, art work . and designers)
“On the Terrace”, 10/5/09

Mayfield, Frank H., Jr.

Biography (Two biographies: Sinclair Lewis, Frank H.: Mayfield, Sr; with an implied analogy between the ideals of Lewis’ fictional Dr. Arrowsmith and the real life Dr. Mayfield)
Literary Commentary (The writing of Sinclair Lewis, especially the novel *Arrowsmith*)
“Among Those of Un-Measured Merriment”, 10/6/08

History (Early settlement along the Carolina coast in the 1700’s, featuring the parallel but contrasting lives of the pirate, Blackbeard, and sea captain, Josiah Jones)
“Bounty, Bisque, and Bunk”, 2/7/11

McDonough, John J.

Biography (Heima Mikkelsaar Aras, now the author’s mother-in-law, as an 18 year old Estonian nurse in German Army Field Hospitals, first on the eastern front and then on the western, during the last year of WWII)
“Christmas in Belgium”, Trustee Holiday paper, 12/21/09

Autobiography (Family tradition of adults creating for young family children pe-
Christmas appearances at windows of Santa’s advance agent Brownies)
“The Brownies”, Trustee Holiday paper, 12/20/10

Social/Political Commentary (The Constitutional pardoning power of the U.S. President: its purpose as envisioned by the writers of the Constitution, and its use and abuse by various Presidents)
“Pardon Me”, 1/24/11

McGavran, Frederick J.

Fiction (A man has Dickens reminiscent [dreams? visions brought by St. Matthew?] of his own past, present, and future, as Matthew’s account of Joseph’s angel messenger dreams is portrayed at a Christmas pageant)
"Joseph's Dreams", Trustee Holiday Paper, 12/18/06

Fiction (Murder most subtle. See Act 1 by Joseph Tomain and Act 2 by Albert Pyle)
"A Death at the Club, Act 3)", budget 3/26/07

Fiction, Humor (Family consternation when the husband/father comes back to life after 5 years dead)

"The Resurrection of Nelson Campbell", budget 11/26/07

Fiction (The lives of residents of a retirement home merge with the Christmas story through a Christmas pageant)

"A Descant for St. Simeon", Trustee Holiday Paper, 12/17/07

Social/Political Commentary (Personal ads in newspapers and magazines from the 18th century to the present)

"ISO or Lay Down I Think I Love You", budget 9/29/08

History (The attempt by two Puerto Rican nationalists to assassinate President Truman at Blair House, on November 1, 1950)

"The Gunfight", budget 9/29/08

Fiction (Scarab jewelry taken from the body of Rameses II, the Pharaoh of the Passover and the Exodus, brings eternal life, of a sort, first-born death, a tricky bequest, and murder in contemporary America)

"The Pennington Scarabs", 12/8/p8

Fiction (A trust beneficiary's high expectations are threatened by sperm his deceased brother had surreptitiously sent to India to produce multiple trust sharing offspring)

"Pradna Singit and the Massacre of the Innocents", Trustee Holiday paper, 12/22/08

Fiction (With the accidental help of an Anglican priest and a naked ex-curate who thinks he's St. Francis, the narrow life of an ophthalmologist is changed when he sets out to tell off his dying office manager for arranging a 2 week vacation for him, finds she has just died, and realizes that he loved her, and that life is wider and fuller than he ever imagined)

"Corrine, or a Journey of the Magi", Trustee Holiday paper, 12/21/09

Fiction (A murder culminates in a chopped off foot as the story of Cain and Abel is re-played within an early 19th century pioneer Kentucky family)

"An Ecclesiastical History", budget 3/29/10

Fiction (A dying millionaire and an Anglican priest, both reacting to the suicide of the former's hospice nurse, bitterly surprise the eagerly waiting heirs. The 5th paper in the saga of the Reverend Charles Spears, Rector of the Downtown Church of our Savior.)

"No Death, No Taxes", 4/4/11

Meranus, Leonard S.

History (Charles Wilson Tennett, alias Herbert C. Engel, alias etc., etc; con man supreme. His operations throughout the country, and, most especially, those in Cincinnati during the 1950's. Current location unknown.)

"If At First...", 10/20/08

History (The peaceful status of Jews in the Moorish empire in Spain and the Ottoman empire in eastern Europe and the Levant, and the pogrom riddled Russian empire. The consequent migration of a million to the U.S., which included the author's grandmother and her daughters)

“Roots and Uproots, or Why Am I here?”, budget 1/31/11. In tandem with “Abner”.

Biography (The double life as honorable citizen and top rackets boss in New Jersey of Abner Zwillman, a.k.a. “der langer” and “Longie”)

Meranus, Leonard S., “Abner, or He Was So Good to His Mother”, budget 1/31/11. In tandem with “Roots and Uproots”.

Miller, Christian

Autobiography (Experiences of youth and early adulthood tied to cars he owned)
“Kartok”, 5/21/07

Miller, Orloff G.

Moran, Joe

Sports (The Thomasville, GA area as a sport hunting center: description, history, vignettes of famous visitors)

“Thomasville, Georgia, the Quail Hunting Capital”, budget 9/28/09

History (The Irish Brigade of the Union Army celebrates Christmas of 1862 and St. Patrick’s Day of 1863 with games, food, and drink)

Moran, Joe, “Greased Pigs for the Holidays”, budget 11/30/09

History (The sporting Life of the Long Island ultra-rich during the Gilded Age of the 1920’s)

“Holy Men of Jericho”, 2/28/11

History (19th century fishing clubs for the wealthy, with emphasis on the South Fork Fishing Club near Pittsburgh, the artificial lake of which was created by a dam which burst on May 31, 1889, causing the Great Johnstown flood)

“The Fish that Got Away”, budget 3/28/11

Murray, James M.

Autobiography (Teen years in what was to become “Silicon Valley”; and putting the complete works of J.S. Bach on an iPod)

Social/Political Commentary (The role, historic stature, and genius of Steve Jobs in creating the computer civilization)

“Backpodding”, 4/23/07

Fiction (A championship football coach, thinking about what football has done for and to his life, is suddenly faced with what it might do)

“Championship Season”, budget 11/24/08

Literary Commentary (Obituary writing: contrast of usual obituaries with those in the *New York Times* and especially those in *The Economist*, with many examples from the latter)

“Nunc Committis”, 9/21/09

Myers, James N.

Fiction (The author imaginatively befriends and thereby helps an evil smelling, homeless man who, when eventually washed, turns out to be young, well-educated, crotchety, and maladjusted socially)

“Man About Town”, 5/18/09

Fiction (The adventures of two grade school boys, one an accomplished con artist, with allowances, a disciplinarian nun, and their uncles’ porno movies)

“Nickels and Dimes”, budget 2/22/10

Newrock, Richard S.

Social/Political Commentary (The irrationality of not constantly expecting events and consequences unpredictable or even unimaginable on the basis of past experience)

“Black Swans”, 2/2/09

Social/Political Commentary (Scientific hoaxes deliberately published in reputable science-for-the-public magazines as jokes to see how many readers would believe them, with the paper author’s theory that it is the authoritative aura of the source that makes the hoaxes successful)

“Bozo Sapiens”, budget 4/25/11

Nussbaum, Michael S.

History (The Jewish community on the island of Djerba: its storied past, age-old customs, architecture, and relations with other ethnic groups and the government of Tunisia.)

“The Land of the Lotus Eaters”, 3/15/10

Petrie, Bruce I.

Biography (Charles Darwin: his life including the Beagle voyage, intellectual antecedents and theological consequences of his ideas)

“A New Adam? A New Eve?”, 11/10/08

Social/Political Commentary (Contemporary Chinese social thought, using the novel “Lady Chatterlee’s Lover” as a reference point for discussion, with brief excerpts from 19th and 20th century China history as a background)

“LCL Chong Xie”, 3/21/11

Porter, Harold G.

Social/Political Commentary, Religion/Religion Related (The place and value of religious convictions in a secular governed society)

“Lincoln and Leviticus”, 3/12/07

Religion/Religion Related (Thoughts related to the role of Santa Claus in Christmas)

“To Canonize or Not?”, Trustee Holiday Paper, 12/17/07

Religion/Religion Related (Astrology and the Magi of Jesus’ time. The Christmas story of the Three Wise Men (Magi): the expansion of the story through subsequent centuries, and its changing depiction in art)

“As Above, So Below”, Trustee Holiday paper, 12/22/08

Social/Political Commentary (As the song urges children to be nice because Santa Claus is coming to town, so the author urges people to resurrect the concept and the practice of being nice to each other)
 “For Goodness’ Sake”, Trustee Holiday paper, 12/21/09

Social/Political Commentary (The evolution of the women’s rights movement from 1848 through today, highlighting the movement’s greatest exponent, Elizabeth Cacy Stanton)
 “Amphiarchly”, 2/8/10

Biography (Harriet Beecher Stowe: family background, moral convictions which led to writing *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*, and world wide effects of the novel)
 “The Most Famous Man in America’s Sister, Trustee Holiday paper, 12/20/10

Pratt, William G., Jr.

Literary Commentary (Comments on the novels of William Faulkner. Analysis of the poetry of Ezra Pound, and his influence on 20th century poetry and literature)
 Autobiography (Meeting William Faulkner and Ezra Pound)
 “I Don’t Know Much About Books”, 4/20/09

Literary Commentary (The letters of Ezra Pound and his influence on other poets)
 “The Epistles of Ezra”, budget 1/25/10

Prince, Louis M.

Fiction (Wrong decision by young lieutenant lets Germans break through American defense line in North Africa)
 "The Short Decision", budget 11/26/07

Autobiography (A dog so loves the author that it jealously attacks his wife when the author shows her affection, necessitating the emotionally wrenching euthanasia of the dog)
 “Triangle”, budget 11/30/09

Pyle, Albert

Literary Commentary (The turgidly boring Chicago Tribune and Christian Century in spite of mid 20th century. The survival of books in spite of devouring electronics)
 “A Good Read”, budget 9/25/06

Biography (Ross Feld: poet, novelist, and friend)
 "Only Shorter", 2/12/07

Fiction (Murder most subtle. See Act 1 by Joseph Tomain and Act 3 by Frederick McGavran)
 "A Death at the Club, Act 2", budget 3/26/07

Humor (Swimming as a way of escaping his father’s demanding hand)
 Personal Recreation and Well-Being (Swimming, learning to row, and staring to learn to sail as exercise)
 “On the Water”, budget 1/26/09

Fiction (A description of a party from the point of view of an utterly bored man who is driven to searching for a headache remedy and ends up with Viagra instead)
 "Pep Pill", budget 3/29/10

Biography (Reminiscences from childhood of a refugee ex-Serbian army colonel who came to live with the author's family just after WWII)
 "Milan", 12/13/10

Social/Political Commentary (An attempt to remove the connotation "funny" from the noun "clown" by showing that no listener to the paper can honestly opine to himself that the acclaimed and long-running "clown" characters on 20th century radio and television were even in the least bit funny)
 "Homer Sapiens", budget 4/25/11

Reichert, David

Biography (Painter Julian Stanczek)
 "The Frosty Glitter of a Cold Light", 10/107
 (Slightly revised version of a paper first read on March 19, 1973. Read again in connection with an exhibition of the painter's work at the Contemporary Arts Center and the dedication of his mural on the Fifth Third Bank Building on 6th Street)

Art/Architecture (Abstract Expressionism: its history, and the influence of Peggy Guggenheim on its establishment as a major school of painting)
 "Modern Medici", budget 3/30/09

Autobiography (Several legal cases in which the author was involved as general counsel for the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries)
 "Recycled Recollections", budget 1/31/11

Autobiography (Meeting and socially interacting with Robert Frost over a number of years)
 "Recollections of Frost", budget, 9/26/11

SANTEN, Harry H.

Fiction (Through Hadrian era sculptures, an Italian finds revenge on the man who seduced his mother and immediately abandoned her and her baby)
 "Luigi", 11/8/10

Schrier, Arnold

Autobiography (Family celebrations of the Passover Seder)
 "A Family Affair with Wine", budget 4/30/07

Biography (Grigory Rasputin, as a man and as cause of fall of the Romanov dynasty)
 "The Man From Tobolsk", budget 1/28/08

Biography (George Washington Whistler, father of the painter, who spent the years 1832 until his 1859 death from cholera, in Russia during the reign of Nicholas I, as designer and project engineer for the construction of the

country's first long distance railroad, the line between St. Petersburg and Moscow)
 "Whistler's Father", 5/24/10

Sena, William T.

Social/Political Commentary (China's social and economic revolution of the last 30 years: causes, changes, and domestic and world-wide effects)
 "The Dragon Awakens", 10/13/008

Social/Political Commentary (Occurrences and causes involved in the national financial crisis which manifested itself in 2008)
 "The Moment of Truth", 2/14/11

Shortt, Paul

Art/Architecture "A shy, brilliant, unrecognized designer and his remarkable model of a building recollecting the 19th century slave trade)
 "Shyman", 5/7/07

Social/Political Commentary (A theory that Vladimir Putin of Russia is orchestrating a campaign to weaken the U.S. militarily and economically, using al Quaida and war in Afghanistan as means, perhaps as agents)
 "Vlad", 12/14/09

Silberstein, Edward B.

History (Origin and development of the concept of zero)
 "Nothing", 10/9/06

Literary Commentary (Nursery rhymes: their history, alleged origins, and attractiveness to children)
 "What Ava Knew", 2/9/09

Biography (Morris "Moe" Berg: photographic memory, polymath, speaker of 8 languages, Big League baseball player, espionage agent for the U.S. during WWII; personally secretive and solitary, but master conversationalist; self-glorifier; and ultimately a bitter old man)
 , "The Catcher "n" the Spy: A Life in Three Acts", 5/23/11

Sittenfeld, Paul G.

Art/Architecture (Print making in general, and the influence of Tatyana Grosman on the art form and artists in the latter part of the 20th century. The author's experiences as a buyer and seller of prints from the Grosman workshop.)
 "Tatyana", 1/5/09

Autobiography (Establishing a summer home on the Canadian island Province of Prince Edward Island, with descriptions of the land, history, culture, and people there)
Sittenfeld, Paul G., "From Away", 5/16/11

Smith, Robert

Literary Commentary (The life and poetry of Seamus Justin Heaney), Original Poetry/Prosetry
 "District and Circle", 3/24/08

Biography, Original Poetry (Oliver Goldsmith: life described in prose and original poetry)
 “Where the Past Is Always Present”, 11/15/10

Stanley, Ethan B. II

Literary Club (The torches on the Club's coat of arms as a metaphor for the inner inspiration of members breaking forth in papers)
 "Light Motifs", President's Anniversary Banquet paper, 10/30/06

Biography (Frank Duveneck and Elizabeth “Lizzie” Boott;; their social backgrounds, relations to Lizzie’s father and Henry James, artistic developments and accomplishments, eventual marriage, and Lizzie’s death)
 Quartet”, 4/13/09

Steiner, John C.

Literary Club (Miscellaneous facts about 19th C physician members)
 “Membership”, budget 11/29/10

Stewart, Frank

Miscellaneous (Contexts featuring the number 7)
 "Why Seven", 4/2/07

Stewart, J. Keith

Literary Commentary (Picnics pleasant, unpleasant, and disastrous)
 "Eating Out or Lucubrations Upon Certain Literary Picnics and Outings", 6/11/07

Literary Commentary (Stylistic features of the letters of Samuel Johnson; some discussion of passages concerning melancholy)
 “Samuel Johnson and the Black Dog”, budget 1/25/10

Strauss, Stephen D.

History (The 1927 George Remus murder trial)
 "A Fool?", 3/19/07

History (The 1933-38 Cincinnati career of Anna Marie Filser Hahn, who used arsenic to murder elderly men for their money)
 “It Could Happen to Any Man Here”, 11/9/09

Tew, John M., Jr.

Medicine (The history of human body dissection from Hellenistic times to the present, with special praise for the illustrations in the 16th century published work of Vesalius)
 “Renaissance of Vesalius”, 5/12/08

Thompson, Morley P.

Biography (Elizabeth “Betsy” Marlbury: New York socialite, women workers’ advocate, inventor of the profession of actor’s and writer’s agent)
 “Literary Lady”, 1/12/09

History (details about the French military help in the American Revolution)

“The Battle that Never Was”, 4/18/11

Tomain, Joseph P.

Fiction (Murder most subtle. See Act 2 by Albert Pyle and Act 3 by Frederick McGavran)

"A Death at the Club, Act 1", budget 3/26/07

Art/Architecture (Scipione Caffaralli Borghese and the creation in the 17th century of the art collection of the Casino, now the Borghese Gallery, in Rome. The sculpture of Gian Lorenzo Bernini and the paintings of Caravaggio: description, aesthetic and emotional analysis, roots in mythology, historical development of the antecedent artistic tradition)

“The Cardinal and the Casino”, 11/16/09

Tomb, Howard L.

Biography (Doolittle raider Thomas Carson Griffin)

"I Thought I Had Missed the Earth", 4/9/007

Troup, Stanley B.

Biography (The Mendelsohn family from founder Moses to composer Felix)

"Moses et al", 4/16/07

Art/Architecture (The March 18, 1990 theft of half a billion dollars worth of paintings from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston)

“The Empty Frames”, budget 3/29/10

Trufant, Samuel A.

History (The Battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812)

"The Battle", 6/4/07

Vilter, RICHARD W.

Autobiography (His career in medicine and medical administration)

“Looking Backward”, 4/21/08

(Written shortly before the author died and read by Robert Smith)

Vitz, Robert C.

History (The early 1870's Arctic expedition led by Charles Francis Hall during which he died of <was murdered by?> arsenic poisoning)

“Cold Case File”, 3/3/08

Animals, Birds (Facts, legends, and human likings (often of a food kind) concerning birds; all connected to popular sayings involving birds)

“For the Birds”, budget 2/23/09

Biography (John Ledyard: 1751-1789, born in America, sailed with Captain Cooke from England to the Pacific Ocean and the Arctic Circle, was friends with many of the leading men in America and England, mostly walked from the French coast nearly to the Pacific coast of Russia)

“The Man Who Walked Too Much”, 9/19/11

Wadsworth, Randolph L., Jr.

Autobiography (The Ringling Brothers circus, owned by his great uncles and then

his uncle, as the author's playground from small boy up)
 "Sidewall", budget, 2/25/08

Biography (Samuel Pepys)
 "Peep Show", 9/20/10

Watkins, Robert J.

History (The effect on Mexican - and American - history of the Mexican Cinco de Mayo victory over the French in 1862)
 "A Shared Holiday", budget 4/30/07

History (The '1980's hysteria among some segments of the public over Procter and Gamble's alleged "Devil symbol" and how P&G dealt with the nonsense)
 "The Devil You Say!", 6/14/10

Wendel, Richard G.

Social/Political Commentary (Health care and charities: Common structural and procedural defects)
 "Comparisons between the Delivery of Healthcare and the Delivery of Charitable Services", 5/19/08

Social/Political Commentary (The contributions of energy, initiative, and expertise that volunteers can make to charitable organizations, with actual local examples)
 "The Volunteer as Change Agent", budget 2/23/09

Medicine (Medical training and medical practice in the 1960s contrasted with that of the 2000's. Suggested reforms to make medical care more efficient and less costly)
 "Healthcare Then and Now", 1/3/11

Wesner, James

History (The British-French naval battle of Minorca in 1756, and the subsequent court-martial and execution of the British commander, Admiral John Byng for, in effect, not being aggressive enough)
 "The Lamentable Case of Admiral Byng", 1/11/10

Social/Political Commentary (Amusing jibes at lawyers by various authors. An analysis of the reasons for, and difficulties with, the legal Rule Against Perpetuities, dating from English law of the late 17th century)
 "Bozo Leges", budget 4/25/11

Wilson, John H. III

Winkler, Allan M.

Biography (Pete Seger)
 "To Everything There Is a Season", 9/17/07

Fiction (Dissent and attempted manipulation in an academic department threatened with having to lay off some department members)
 "Chicken Anyone?", budget 11/24/08

Autobiography (Two years with the Peace Corps the Philippines)
 “From Whence We Came”, 11/23/09

Autobiography (The stress and loneliness of conducting/chaperoning a semester trip for undergraduates to Africa after his co-leader, his wife, had to return home for health reasons)
 “Sojourn”, Trustee Holiday paper, 12/20/10

Winkler, Henry R.

Witten, Louis

Biography (Ormsby McKnight Mitchel, Civil War general, astronomer, statesman))
 “Old Stars”, 1/7/08

History (Founding and early years of Johns Hopkins University; founding of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton)
 Biography (Johns Hopkins, founder of the university named for him; Abraham Flexner, 19th century education leader; first Director of the Institute for Advanced Study, and creator of its purpose, form, and governing philosophy)
 “Schools”, 5/3/10

Workman, Rollin W.

Humor
 “The Grange Meeting”, budget 4/28/08

Autobiography (His last 3 months in the navy at the end of WWII)
 “The Last Days of the 1013”, budget 4/28/08

Fiction (In a baroque tale, a cat intervenes in the lives of two brothers)
 “So Let It Be With Caesar”, budget 11/29/10

Wulsin, John H.

Fiction (A boy rejects the electronic path for his own life)
 "The Path", budget 2/26/07

Fiction (A revolutionary War Hessian deserter find adventure, land, and love on the Ohio River frontier)
 “The Wandering One”, 2/4/08

Zuck, Thomas F.

Sports (Competitive diving: history, basic moves, difficulties)
 "Springboard", 11/19/07

Autobiography (Growing up near Cedar Point Amusement Park on Lake Erie)
 “On the Point”, 4/5/10

