

The Reminder

May 2005

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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Bowling Report

Congratulations to the 2005 champions of the men's bowling league, the Wolverines (Ed Hoagland, Cliff Dean, Bill Sprague and Dick Harper). Also the second half doubles winners are Tom Johnson and Dennis Kozak.

The final year stats are: High average Art Byington with 162, high singles Phil Buccini with 256, high series Dick Harper and Phil Buccini with 612, high team game, the Bulls (Joe Chalmers, Don Upward, Tony Dimarco and Dick Anderson) with 703, and high team series, the Wolverines (Ed Hoagland, Cliff Dean, Bill Sprague and Dick Harper) with 1876.

Thanks to the following men for their assistance in making this another successful bowling season: Les Lessenthien, Bob Klein, Bill Peschel, Lee Case, Don Upward and Joe Maertens.

Members and applicants interested in bowling please contact Dennis Kozak at 248-644-8934. Our new season begins the first Monday after Labor Day in September. A sign-up sheet for all new bowlers will be posted on the bulletin board for those interested in joining our activity. Also any bowlers not returning next season please contact Dennis Kozak.

Tickets are still available for the bowling banquet to be held at Farina's Banquet Center in Berkley on May 4. The menu includes "flaming prime rib."

—Dennis Kozak



Winners: Dick Harper, Cliff Dean, Ed Hoagland and Bill Sprague

Photo by Fran DeGrande



MAY PROGRAMS

MAY CHAIRMAN: Arnie Carlson

- 6 Larry Raymond, Albert Kahn Associates "Larry Raymond a.k.a. Albert Kahn"
- 13 Douglas B. Stewart, Executive Director of Development, Children's Hospital "Children's Hospital of Michigan"
- 20 Barry A. Franklin, Ph.D., Director of Cardiac Rehabilitation, William Beaumont Hospital "New Insights in Preventative Cardiology"
- 27 Rackeline Hoff, Mayor of Birmingham "An Update on the City of Birmingham"

JUNE PROGRAMS

JUNE CHAIRMAN: Peter Good

- 3 Bruce McCristal, retired G.M. Public Relations Director "The Spirit of Michigan State"

MAY DISCUSSIONS

MAY CHAIRMAN: Bob Sack

- 6 Don Gill, Account Executive, Merrill Lynch "Investing Opportunities and Estate Planning Pitfalls"
- 13 Lisa Machesky, Director, Birmingham-Bloomfield Community Coalition "Reducing Substance Abuse in Our Community"
- 20 Ron Farah, Retired Lutheran Pastor "As Time Goes By-Dealing With It"
- 27 Kay Higby, Outreach Director, BASCC "Serving Seniors in Our Community"

JUNE DISCUSSIONS

JUNE CHAIRMAN: Roger Struck

- 3 Bill McElhone, Director, Birmingham Historical Museum "Greenfield Cemetery Veterans Tour"

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New Applicants:

Jack Bahm, (Maureen)

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248-334-9244, E-mail: JackBahmLLL@yahoo.com
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David M. Preston, (Judy)

2442 Dorchester Drive N #104, Troy, 48084-3755,
248-649-9221, E-mail: JPreston@mkcompuworks.com
Sponsor: George R. Mosher

Robert W. Johnson

7334 Edenborough Drive, West Bloomfield, 48322-4031,
248-626-0289, E-mail: BobyJ23@aol.com
Sponsor: William J. English

William J. Kelly, (Carmela Ioppolo)

1109 W. Selfridge Blvd, Clawson, 48017-1339,
248-435-2756
Sponsor: Donald L. Foehr.

William P. Andrews, (Sue)

25367 Circle Drive, Southfield, 48075-1048,
248-357-1302, E-mail: WPAsa2@hotmail.com
Sponsor: Alfred Shrosbree

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Clifford B. Armstrong Jr., (Lydia)

7053 Cathedral Drive, Bloomfield Hills, 48301-3729,
248-626-6905, E-mail: CArmstrong@wwnet.net
Sponsor: H. Jean Batts

Jarold L. Peck, (Diane)

1346 Hennrietta Street, Birmingham, MI 48009-4110,
248-647-3681, E-mail: PeckJL@comcast.net
Sponsor: George A. Miller

Birthdays of Associate Members and Members on Leave of Absence:

Clif Elliott, Lv of Abs, will be 88 on May 12

Carroll Williams, Lv of Abs, will be 85 on May 13

Chick Coley, Assoc. Member, will be 78 on May 18

Special Birthday Greetings for Life and Active Members 85 or Older:

Gerry Markey will be 89 on May 2

Charles Ross, Life Member, will be 91 on May 6

Bill Gridley will be 85 on May 9

Bob Hadley, Life Member, will be 93 on May 10

John Easterbrook, Life Member, will be 95 on May 14

Bill Waltsgott, Life Member will be 91 on May 19

Cliff Armstrong will be 85 on May 20

Dr. Sid Miller, Life Member, will be 91 on May 23

Bob Wagner, Life Member, will be 86 on May 26

Fred Burge, Life Member, will be 87 on May 27

Ray Swartz, Life Member, will be 91 on May 28

George Weaver will be 85 on May 28

Change of Email Address:

John Reddy,
jwreddy2005@sbcglobal.com

Deaths:

Applicant Norman H. Phillips

LOA Member Russell E. Shy, joined April 2001

Life Member Carl F. Ingraham, joined November 1986

LOA Member Jack J. Marshall, joined October 1998

—Jim D'Allemand and Bill Peschel



CAMERA GROUP

"An Adventure to Nigeria and Ethiopia will be the theme of the next program for the Camera Group.

Well known photographer Doc Rooney will show his slides of this interesting part of Africa on May 10 at 2pm in The Community House. I urge everyone to come and see these fine photographs.

Members, applicants and guests are welcome.



We especially welcome new applicants who are interested in photography and may want to become a regular member of our group. Contact me for details.

—Harold Brown

Absent-minded people get lots of exercise looking for things they cannot find.

—Harrison Brown, Jr.

Computer Group



Thinking about buying a camera but don't have enough spare cash for a new one? A big auction devoted to only cameras would be an ideal place to go because each camera would be clearly described, there could be many to choose from and the final prices might end up below retail. There really is such an auction and you don't have to leave home to get to it. Just turn on your computer and type in "eBay."

If you've never bought or sold anything through eBay but have considered doing so, come to the Computer Group meeting at The Community House at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, May 18. Mr. Scott Simpson of Main Street Auctions in Royal Oak will describe the in's and out's of buying and selling anything through eBay.

—George Nordenholt

E-mail Users

There now are 375 Senior Men's Club users of e-mail. SMC e-mail includes *The Reminder*, an occasional meeting notice, and member death notices. With each of these e-mailings, there are some messages that are returned by the Internet Service Provider marked "User unknown," or "Mail quota exceeded."



The "User unknown" undeliverables generally result from the member changing his e-mail address and forgetting to tell the Senior Men's Club. (Sometimes they result from a member discontinuing e-mail service and forgetting to tell the Club). The "Mail quota exceeded" undeliverables generally result from the member not opening his e-mail often enough and his mailbox fills up. (This happens commonly with no-charge Internet Service Providers that give the user only a small amount of on-line storage).

It requires a substantial amount of time to follow up on these undeliverables, and this has become burdensome. Accordingly, we plan to begin discontinuing SMC e-mail service to those whose e-mail is not deliverable.

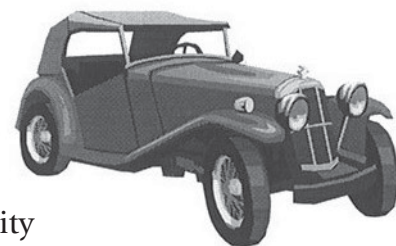
Request - If you are changing your e-mail address, please send an e-mail to Chuck Kirkpatrick (CBKirkpat@comcast.net) or George Nordenholt (NordyGlad@yahoo.com) or Bob Engel (BobCEngel@aol.com). If you are incapacitated, traveling, or for any reason will not be checking your e-mail for a period of time, please notify Chuck or George. If you notice that you are no longer receiving e-mail from the Senior Men's Club, and you wish to receive e-mail from the Club, please send an e-mail to Chuck, George, or Bob and your e-mail service will be restored at once.

Finally, if you are installing software that will reject e-mail except from a list of friends and associates whose e-mail addresses you specify, please specify all three of the above addresses plus that of Don Cox: don3cox@hotmail.com.

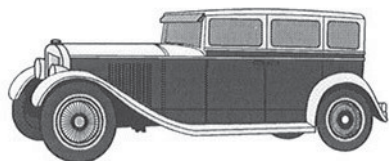
—Chuck Kirkpatrick

Legacy Tour

On Wednesday, June 15 we will visit and tour two exceptional and very different legacies of the automobile industry; one corporate and one private. Our first stop is the General Motors Heritage Center in Sterling Heights. The center has 81,000 square feet of space, housing more than 180 vehicles spanning 10 decades. The vehicle collection showcases a wide range of GM design, technology and innovation from antique to concept vehicles. This facility is less than a year old and will commemorate GM's 100th anniversary in 2008. We are fortunate to have this opportunity, as this center is not open to the public.



At the completion of our visit, we go to Lake Shore Drive, the site of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House. This magnificent house situated on 78 acres along Lake St. Clair, was designed by Albert Kahn and landscaped by Jens Jensen. It was completed in 1927, and thanks to Mrs. Ford it has been preserved. We will have a full lunch followed by a tour of the great house and grounds. The house has been kept in an "as lived in" state. We will hear family stories and traditions on our guided tour through 20 rooms filled with original furnishings. The grounds are a master gardener's dream come true and include among other things, the play house, pool house and South Cottage exhibit.



This is a great "two for one" outing. Tickets go on sale Friday, May 13. The bus will leave the Presbyterian Church of Birmingham at 9:00 a.m. June 15, 2005. Tickets are priced at \$40.00, including transportation.

—Clarke Thornton and Jim Colville

*It is better to have loafed and lost,
then never to have loafed at all.*

—James Thurber

Investment Group

The Investment Study Group has scheduled Rick Bloom for the 2nd Wednesday in May. Rick is the President of Bloom Asset Management L.L.C. and will speak on the "Outlook for 2005 and 2006." Rick is a well know financial advisor who gives investment advice in his newspaper column and radio show.



This meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 2:45 p.m. at The Community House. Mark your calendar and invite a friend. Members, applicants and spouses are all welcome.

—Ted Chapekis

Is it a Stroke?

The American Stroke Association recently publicized a simple three step test which even untrained bystanders can use to determine if someone may be suffering a stroke. Sometimes, stroke symptoms are difficult to identify and lack of awareness can spell disaster. A stroke victim may suffer brain damage before help can arrive.



Doctors in this association are strongly recommending that we learn to ask possible stroke victims to do three things related to stroke caused facial weakness, arm weakness or speech problems. SMILE, RAISE BOTH ARMS, SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE. If the affected person has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

We are urged to learn this simple test and to pass this along to as many friends as possible.

—Jerry Heller

Last Call for All Aboard! Part II and “The Polar Express!”

Last call for The Polar Express! We are revisiting the ever-growing Steam Railroading Institute in Owosso, Michigan on Tuesday, May 17, 2005. It's an all-day event.

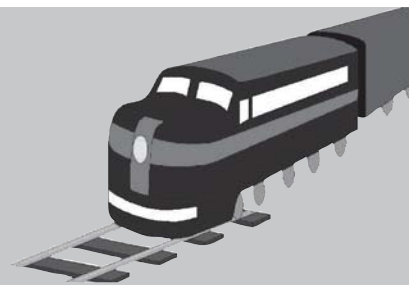
We will revisit the fully restored steam locomotive No. 1225 which is now world famous since it was used as the prototype for the looks and sounds of the tremendous hit movie, “The Polar Express,” starring Tom Hanks. We will get the inside story of how it happened. This 2-8-4 Berkshire locomotive is one of 39 of the largest engines ever bought by the Pere Marquette Railroad back in 1941. More fame has been added because the engine is the cover story of the January 2005 edition of *Trains* magazine. Be sure to check your library.

- The Institute has recently completed a fully operating turn-table over 100 feet long that can accomodate old No. 1225.
- They have built a new two-track engine house to make it an all weather visit.
- The Institute now owns enough track to give us a shuttle ride using a fired up little switcher steam engine with trailing cabooses.

We will have a boxed lunch that will be served in the meeting hall of the new visitor center, which includes an added museum and gift shop area. The lunch will have a choice of three entrees: grilled chicken sandwich, club sandwich or tuna melt.

Tickets are bargain priced at \$30 each. The bus will leave the First Presbyterian Church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and return about 4:30 p.m. Tickets went on sale Friday, April 29, 2005.

—Riggs Miller and Roger Struck



River Cruise-New Venue

Last year our first lower Detroit River Cruise was a very successful event and this year we will do it with two significant changes. Our first river cruise occurred on a Thursday but this year the event will take place on Wednesday, July 20 in order to accommodate the Thursday Golf League. Last year we went up the river, but this year our privately chartered Diamond Jack boat will take a new route. We will head downriver from Bishop Park in Wyandotte along Grosse Ile, then cross the river so we can view historic Amherstburg and the changes that have occurred on Boblo Island before returning along the Canadian shore.

After our river cruise we will head for the Ford Yacht Club located on the southern tip of Grosse Ile. This is one of the high points of the event where we will have a half hour cocktail time before enjoying a private sit down luncheon in the club dining room with great views of Lake Erie and the boat traffic. We are welcome to walk the grounds and take in the beauty of this waterfront location. We are guests but the Ford Yacht Club treats us like members. We pay the same low price for drinks as the members.

When we leave we will tour the island covering the East and West River roads with a few short comments on places of interest before heading for home.

The June *Reminder* will cover the luncheon menu details and other remaining information. The cost of this event including lunch is \$39.00 per person and tickets will go on sale Friday, June 10.



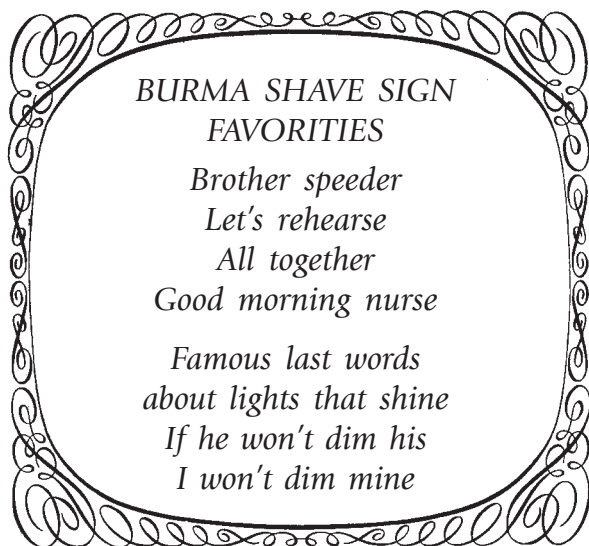
—Hudson Scheifle

LUNCH TICKET PURCHASING

The Club Treasurer and the Lunch Ticket Committee recently advised the Executive Board of an occasional problem in balancing lunch tickets purchased, sandwiches/salads ordered, and monies owed TCH for Friday lunches. This problem is usually a function of late arriving members desiring a lunch ticket, or members forgetting to purchase a ticket at check-in. In addition, program chairmen have been known to forget to arrange for a ticket for the speaker.

The board approved a motion urging members to assist in solving this problem by purchasing lunch tickets on Friday. Thank you for your support.

—Dick Harper



THE REMINDER

A monthly publication of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, which meets on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

Officers for 2005 are: John McLaughlin, president; Frank Barnes, first vice president; Bill Johnson, second vice president; Ken Urwiller, recording secretary; Gordon Miller, corresponding secretary; Bill Minard, treasurer; Don Foehr, assistant treasurer; William H. Crabtree, parliamentarian; Bob Gualdoni and Roy Halmhuber, officers at large.

THE REMINDER includes: Chuck Kirkpatrick, editor; Dick Harper, Paul Pentecost, Bill Reilly, Dick Davis, associate editors; Bob Hadley and John Dudash, photography; Kim Duenow and Lee Trumbull, computer layout; Bob Jordan and Bert Swanson, mailing.

Thursday Golf

The 2005 outdoor golf season started April 7, and the weather has been excellent. The attendance for the opening weeks has been the best we have had in several years. The golf course at Springdale is in above average condition and just waiting for your appearance.

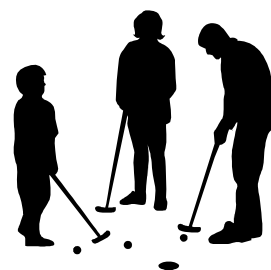
There are 18 foursomes with scheduled starting times beginning at 9:00 a.m. with many golfers deciding to be walk-ons. The purpose of walk-ons is to fill in for regular scheduled players who are absent. Your committee requests that walk-ons remember the above statement as every golfer desires to tee off on arrival at the golf course.

Short hitters should drive first and all foursomes should try to keep up with the group in front of them. Slow play is discouraged.

Please arrive early for your tee time and be ready to play.

All golfers are welcome even if you did not sign up earlier in the year.

—Bill Reilly



*If it weren't for the last minute,
nothing would get done.*

—Unknown

Reminder Reading Group

A Good Book and Chocolate...

What else could you want ?

- anonymous



The second meeting of the Senior Men's Club reading pilot group took place April 6 in The Community House "Library Room." Led by member Bob Kirsammer the 13 attendees discussed *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. It is the story of Chicago in the 1890's and of two men, architect Daniel Hudson Burnham, the 1893 Chicago World's Fair's brilliant director of works, and Henry H. Holmes, a serial murderer and young doctor who, in a malign parody of the White City, built his "World's Fair Hotel" just west of the fairgrounds. Our readers found the alternating chapters maintained pace and attention. "An interesting book with the discussion increasing the value gained from the reading," was the consensus.

Participants selected Virginia Woolf's most popular novel, *To The Lighthouse* as the reading for the meeting on May 4. Suggestions for additional readings in the following months were discussed in categories ranging from history to humor, and classics to current affairs. As a pilot group we recognized that some of our process and approach may need to be altered with experience in order to meet our expectations. A group size of about 20 to 22 will result in about 15 (the optimum for a lively discussion) at each meeting. The SMC is prepared to support a second group when enough members are interested.

Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at The Community House for the rest of the year. Any SMC applicant or member who is interested in joining the Reading Group should contact John Reddy or Jack McLaughlin.

—Al Bosley & John Reddy

*When we're young
we want to change the world.
When we're old
we want to change the young.*

—unknown

KING RUHLY AWARD

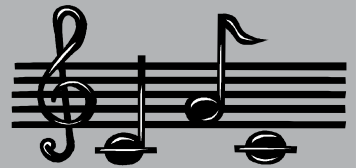
The Executive Board of the Senior Men's Club recently adopted a resolution awarding a special Certificate of Appreciation for King Ruhly in recognition of his many years of devoted service to our club.

President Jack McLaughlin and past president Dick Harper are shown here presenting this award to King's family - son Jim, daughter Pat Halasz and son John in a brief, warm ceremony. His family commented on how much they appreciated accepting this honor in King's memory, and how much King loved the Senior Men's Club.



SONG LYRICS

When we turn on a radio these days, hoping to find some listenable music, we are often assaulted with the crude (or worse) lyrics of hip-hop or rap. One yearns for the "good old days" when song lyrics were usually clear, well written, and often beautifully worded, and they rhymed!



This leads to a *Reminder* challenge for it's readers. What is you favorite line from a song? Send it to *The Reminder*, and we will select a few for publication - could be fun.

The first entry received is:

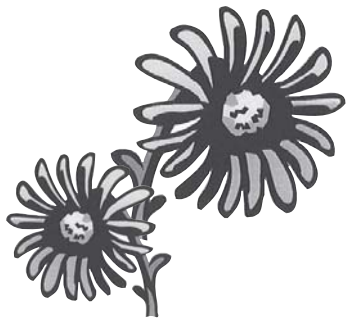
"A trip to the moon on gossamer wings."

The first reader to correctly identify the song title containing this lyric line will receive *The Reminder* free for one year.

—Dick Harper

Correction

In the last issue, the Program Chairman for April was incorrectly listed as Ben Ewing. Dennis Kozak was the Program Chairman for April.

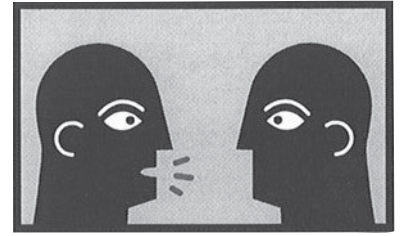


My Forgetter!

*My forgetter's getting better
But, my rememberer is broke
To you that may seem funny
But, to me, that is no joke.
For when I'm "here" I'm wondering
If I really should be "there"
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!
Oft times I walk into a room,
Say, "What am I here for?"
I wrack my brain, but all in vain
A zero is my score.
At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is, generally, me!
When shopping I may see someone,
Say "Hi" and have a chat,
Then, when the person walks away
I ask myself "Who was that?"
Yes, my forgetter's getting better
While my rememberer is broke,
And it's driving me plumb crazy
And that isn't any joke.*

WHAT'S GOING ON?

The Discussion Group meetings give you the lowdown on a lot of interesting topics. You are encouraged to attend these meetings after lunch every Friday from 12:45 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. whether you want to join in the discussion or just simply listen.



Questions and comments are more than welcome. The schedule of topics and presenters is on the front cover of *The Reminder*.

The presenter for our first meeting is the financial advisor for BASCC, and he will discuss financial matters that matter for all of us. The second meeting features the Executive Director of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Community Coalition, and she will discuss substance abuse reduction. Back by popular demand for our third meeting will be Pastor Ron Farah who will discuss dealing with the passage of time as we grow older. The fourth meeting of May will be a discussion on how BASCC serves senior citizens in our area.

These meetings should help let you know what's going on in things close to home. Plan to spend your time after lunch on Fridays at the Discussion Group meetings. You'll be glad you did.

—Irv Poston

Club Dates to Remember

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2005, 9:30 a.m.

Reminder Deadline: Friday, May 20, 2005

Bridge: Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. and Fridays after lunch.

Golf: Monday, 8:00 a.m. at White Lake Oaks Golf Course.
Thursday, 9:00 a.m. at Springdale Golf Course.

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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