

The Reminder

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



PROGRAM SPEAKERS FEBRUARY 2000

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: DENNIS J. KOZAK

Goody Speakers
4 Speaker: Leon Hart
Heisman Trophy Winner and SMC Applicant
Subject: "An Elder's Viewpoint of Today's Football"

Applicants A - D

11 Speaker: Greg Major
General Motors Engineering Group Manager, Thermal Systems
Subject: "Electric Car-Today & Tomorrow"

Applicants E - K

18 Speaker: George Dieterle, President
Economics America
Subject: "Economics Literacy"

Applicants L - P

25 Speaker: Kathleen A. Modlin
Masco Director of Communications & Creative Services
Subject: "Masco, 70 Years of Excellence and What it Means to Senior Citizens"

Applicants Q - Z

Mar. 3 Speaker: Kathy Parker
Performer: Seaholm High School Singers
Subject: "Music Man Selections"

Applicants A - D

DISCUSSION GROUP SPEAKERS

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: KING RUHLY

Feb. 4 Speaker: Ben Root
Topic: "Mountains of Tires"

Feb. 11 Speaker: Chase Cooper
Topic: "Strange Places and People I Have Known"

Feb. 18 Speaker: Leslie Kee
Topic: "Serving Seniors at Baldwin Library"

Feb. 25 Speaker: Don Cox
Topic: "My First Car II"

Mar. 3 Speaker: Peter Dawson, Successful Entrepreneur
Topic: "Skates for Your Car"

Say "Thank You"



King Ruhly & John Caldwell

Past President King Ruhly gave a big "thank you" to John Caldwell for his presiding over the Senior Men's Club during 1999. Along with thanks, John was given a plaque with a gavel as a memento for John's library wall.

It's All Yours, Bill



John Caldwell & Bill Reilly

John Caldwell turned the gavel over to Bill Reilly who will head the Senior Men's Club in 2000. Bill has been active in many roles since he joined the club in 1994. He is no stranger to the head table, because he often served as moderator during the past year. It's all yours, Bill!

Meet the Regulars

There are some SMC members who barely make the minimum attendance requirement, others who are at more than half of all meetings, but just a few who truly merit the label, "regulars."

Congratulations to George Atkinson who attended all 42 meetings during 1999. He was closely followed by Henry Dawkins, Carl Schorn, Ray Latovick and Virgil Smith with 41. Dick Golze, Ed Hoagland, Charles Johnson, Dick Harper, Norris Lee, Jim O'Neil and George R. Smith followed with 40. Six other members attended 39 times. Way to go, guys!

Since attendance monitoring started 7/30/99, the Executive Board has: Granted 13 members a leave of absence and approved seven (7) members for pardon. Additionally, three (3) members resigned, one (1) became a life member and one (1) died.

- Brad Ballard

George Carlinisms

- How come wrong numbers are never busy?
- Does that screwdriver belong to Phillip?
- Are part-time band leaders semi-conductors?
- Can you buy an entire chess set in a pawn shop?
- Daylight savings time - why are they saving it and where do they keep it?
- Do you think that when they asked George Washington for ID that he just whipped out a quarter?
- If cats and dogs didn't have fur would we still pet them?
- If swimming is good for your shape, then why do the whales look the way they do?

Be nice to your children, they're likely to choose your rest home.

-Phyllis Diller

Before you go to bed, give your troubles to God...He'll be up all night anyway.

The trouble with being a good sport is that you have to lose to prove it.

Applicant Activity

Applicants are eligible and are invited to attend the various Club activity groups. Select from Contract or Duplicate Bridge, Discussion, Computer, Camera, Investment, Bowling and Special Events. All are welcome! Watch THE REMINDER for dates and times.

- Gordon Miller

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings:

Life Member Clare Charron, 94 on February 5.
Joe Sackerson, 85 on February 18.

Deaths:

Henry Merker who joined in April, 1980.
Leslie Gertz who joined in May, 1985.
Joseph T. Rawley who joined in September, 1999.
Herbert J. Head who joined in May, 1985.

New Applicants:

Brandon, Robert W., (Alice), 2874 Pine Hill Drive, Troy, 48098, 646-4881.
Sponsor: Bob Hagemeyer.
Buccini, Phillip Jr., (Margareta), 1391 Melton, Birmingham, 48009, 644-4328.
Sponsor: Ken Urwiller.
Cvengros, Jack H., (Barbara), 487 Henley Drive, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 333-7605.
Sponsor: Jim Bower.
Lamb, Richard J., (Elaine), 3880 Oakhills Drive, Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 646-5667.
Sponsor: Larry Gates.
Park, Andrew, (Shirley), 30755 River Crossing, Bingham Farms, 48025, 647-8988.
Sponsor: Ralph Lee.
Wronski, Ray J., (June), 31761 Waltham Court, Beverly Hills, 48025, 646-8105.
Sponsor: Bob Elliot.

Address Changes:

Kary, John J., 199 S. Cranbrook Cross Road, Bloomfield Hills, 48301.
Kurth, Paul E., 1050 North Adams #30, Birmingham, 48009.
O'Keefe, Andrew, 2350 Watkins Lake Road, Fox Manor 101, Waterford, 48328.
Flynn, Ed, 6285 Hills Drive, Bloomfield Hills, 48301.
Mitchell, Harry R., 1151 Glenpointe Drive, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 844-0136.

New Members:

Loesch, Robert L., (Rosemary Ann), 32279 Cross Bow, Birmingham, 48025, 540-1642.
Speyer, Donald G., (Joanne), 4142 Chimney Point, Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 855-9841.

Leave of Absence:

Buehler, Roy
Fry, Walter L., Jr.

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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 2000 are: William T. Reilly, president; Carver Wood, first vice president; Ray Latovick, treasurer; Ernie Bergan, second vice president; Ben Ewing, secretary; Dick Harper, corresponding secretary; Ed Neill and Frank Barnes, officers at large. Bill Crabtree, parliamentarian.

THE REMINDER includes: George Lumsden, editor; Dick Davis, Dick Harper, Paul Pentecost and Alvie Smith, associate editors; Bob Hadley and John Dudash, photography; Lee Trumbull, computer layout; Joe Kern, mailing.

Y2-Okay

We passed into a new millennium without any of the difficulties foreseen by some prognosticators. Undoubtedly, most of the members of the SMC took all the hype in stride, because we are the generation that has been there, done that, and has survived problems in bunches, many more difficult than a mere loss of power or heat.

That is not to say that everything would have been jim dandy if those who had the responsibility for getting the computers set right or the generators humming the proper tune had said, "Let's see what happens, and we will cross that bridge when we come to it." So we really owe a lot to people who spent time, talent and money to dot the I's and cross the T's properly. We thank them!

Happily, the bomb shelter mentality didn't take over, and there wasn't a run on the banks. And the strange thing about the year 2000 is that it doesn't really look any different than the year it replaced. Now, if it's any comfort, we are told that bottled water has a fairly long shelf life and that batteries, unless used, last a long, long time! Happy New Year!

Go to "Van Gogh"

Tickets will go on sale Friday, February 4, 2000 for the Senior Men's Club trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts to see the newest exhibit "Van Gogh: Face to Face."

Tickets are \$27 each, which includes bus transportation as well as admission to the exhibit.

This will be a major presentation of some 50 paintings and drawings. Detroit is one of only three U.S. museums to present these wonderful works by Van Gogh. Ticket sales will be limited to 55 people, or approximately one bus load.

-Larry Price
-John Zabriskie

Bridge Report

Contract averaged eight players. The high scorers were Chris Davenport with 3740, Henry Dawkins with 2745, Jack Frailey with 2570 and Joe Kern with 2440. There were no slams. Duplicate averaged 41 players. High scorer was Ed Chambliss with 74.65%, followed by Kirby Callam with 71.18% and Jim Peters with 65.81%. There was one small slam.

-Don McNair

Bowling Report

After 17 weeks of bowling, the first half winning team is team #12 (Bill Bettisworth, Bruce Smiley, Lloyd Sturgeon and Bob Babcock). The individual statistics are as follows: High average: Art Byington with 174. High single game: Art Byington with 238. High series was Jim Salrin with 598. Team statistics are as follows: High team game was team #4 with 740 pins (J. Chalmers, E. Neill, D. Kozak, D. Harper). High team series was team #13 with 2012 pins (D. Clark, B. Hadley, S. Vine, V. Caputo). Outstanding achievements are Dennis Kozak bowling a 235 game and then topped by Art Byington's 238 game the same day.

-Dennis Kozak

2000 Golf League

The place is White Lake Oaks on Mondays at 8 AM starting April 17. The season will last 16 weeks ending on August 14. The makeup dates if needed will be August 21 and August 28. Because of holidays, there will be no golf on May 29 or July 3. There is a cash prize for closest to the pin every week. The cost per player for the season is \$152 in advance. Anyone who is interested in playing golf this coming season must submit their names to Fran DeGrande (489-1064), no later than March 17. Checks for \$152 must be submitted to Virgil Smith by March 17.

Group Meetings

Camera Group

The Camera Group will meet at The Community House on Tuesday, February 8 at 2:00 PM. Dr. Carl Price of the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, an accomplished photographer, will show slides from his travels and experiences in a presentation he titles "Sights and Sounds of Praise."

-Bill Gridley

Computer Group

Mike Lontine of TCHNO-DWEEB on call, will meet with the Computer Group on Wednesday, February 16 at 2:30 PM. His program will include: data transfer, backing up data, zip drives, problem solvers and Q & A.

-John Slocum

Investment Study

Bob Aginian, Tax Manager for the Budd Company, will address the Investment Study Group on Wednesday, February 9 at 2:45 PM at The Community House. He will give helpful hints on preparing 1999 taxes and some tax strategies for 2000. Bob has been a popular speaker for several years. Chairman George Miller reminds us that if you have large stock market gains, your tax strategy has become even more important.

Credit Card Watch

A reminder that has been broadly publicized: check your Visa and Master Card statements for possible double billings. Some computer software wasn't corrected and there have been some duplicate billings in credit card statements.

Many politicians leave office because of illness and fatigue; people become sick and tired of them.

Speaker Suggestions

From time to time you may run across speakers you have heard who are particularly interesting and who might be available to speak at a Senior Men's Club meeting. While you cannot invite them on your own, you can help program chairmen by bringing such talent to their attention.

To make this process simple, a list of program chairmen will be posted on the bulletin board, and you can contact them individually to bring recommended speakers to their attention.

We are fortunate in having outstanding programs, but if you have ever been a program chairman, you'll understand that they appreciate help from time to time. Sometimes the first three dates are easy to acquire a speaker, but the fourth date is a toughie. Or it could be that after the roster is full someone backs out. Your input is always welcome!

Dues...One More Time

At the expense of being wholly redundant, the matter of unpaid dues is once again on the front burner.

At last count, Walt Meyers tells us that there were still 145 unpaid dues, and the absolute deadline is March 1. By February 1, a letter goes out to delinquent members, and if the deadline is not met, we all know what comes next. Thirty bucks does the trick.

Directory Report

The 2000 directory of SMC members is now available Friday mornings in the registration area. Bob Engel, Chairman of the Handbook Committee, reports that changes have been made to the layout of the member pages. Phone number area codes and e-mail addresses are now included. Check your listing to make sure it is complete and accurate. Send changes to: SMC Membership Committee, c/o The Community House. Send e-mail addresses to Chuck Kirkpatrick at: cbkirkpat@cs.com.

-Bob Engel

Dean Speaks to SMC



Maury Allen, January Program Chairman carries on a pre-speech conversation with Douglas Kelbaugh, FAIA (left), speaker of the day. Mr. Kelbaugh is Dean of Taubman College of Architecture at the University of Michigan.

We learned about the urban sprawl problems in metropolitan areas, the need for changes in zoning and the restructuring of new developments in cities like Detroit. A real treat!

This is a case of professional backgrounds connecting to bring us superb programs—programs that have broad and current interest. Maury's own career in architecture made it natural to invite a fellow professional to share ideas and information with us. Thanks Maury.

OOPS!

Last month's REMINDER incorrectly listed John Krygier in Membership News as having died. John is very much alive and we regret the error. This is reminiscent of Mark Twain, who saw his obituary in the newspaper and said, "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated."

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New Coffee Policy

The Executive Board of the SMC has requested that The Community House establish a new policy concerning the ordering of coffee for club activities and events. This policy, which is effective immediately, establishes that only officers or committee chairmen are authorized to order and accept charges for coffee. A list of these authorized individuals has been provided to The Community House, and Community House contacts to take coffee orders have been identified. Finally, this new policy establishes that individual club members should not enter The Community House kitchen for coffee.

- Dick Harper

Applicant Name Cards

All Applicants, Life and Regular members are urged to fill out the reverse side of their name cards. This information could be important in the event of an emergency.

- Brad Ballard

Other Club Dates To Remember

Exec. Board: 9:30 a.m. Feb. 8

Bowling: 9:30 a.m. Mondays at Thunderbird Lanes, Troy.

Reminder Deadline: Feb. 18

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

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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