

The Reminder

March
2001



Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

MARCH PROGRAM SPEAKERS

MARCH CHAIRMAN: RICHARD R. GOLZE

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| 2 | Speaker: Frank Beckmann
WJR Sportscaster |
| | Subject: "Sports" |
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<i>Good!</i> | Speaker: Beate Rathai-Kearns
Attorney, Butzel Long |
| | Subject: "Cultural differences in German/American business dealings" |

16 NO MEETING

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| 23 | Speaker: The Honorable Dick Posthumus
Lieutenant Governor of Michigan |
| | Subject: "What's ahead for Michigan, the view from Lansing" |

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| 30 | Speaker: Mary Kramer
Associate Publisher/Editor, Crain's Detroit Business |
| | Subject: "How business measures up" |

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| Apr 6 | Performer: Seaholm Entertainment Group
Broadway Reviews |
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DISCUSSION GROUP SPEAKERS

MARCH CHAIRMAN: BILL CRABTREE

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| 2 | Speaker: Edward Conley, SMC Member |
| | Topic: "The causes for the Civil War" |
| 9 | Speaker: Bill Crabtree, SMC Member |
| | Topic: "Civil War reconstruction" |
| 16 NO MEETING | |
| 23 | Speaker: John Phillips |
| | Topic: "The Civil War Constitutional Amendments" |
| 30 | Speaker: Harry Weaver and Edward Good |
| | Topic: "World War II Pacific Submarine Service" and
"World War II Paratroop Service in Europe" |
| Apr 6 | Speaker: To be announced |
| | Topic: To be announced |

Discussion Group Themes for March

Last year, the Discussion Group speakers focused on the 1776 Founding Fathers and the birth of our nation. In March, we will discuss causes for the Civil War, the abuses and corruption of the Reconstruction Period, the lasting importance of the post Civil War Constitutional Amendments, with a windup on World War II Submarine Service in the Pacific and Paratroop Service in Europe.

-William H. Crabtree

What a Great Guy—We'll Miss Him a Lot!

Friday, February 9, was a sad and happy day for SMC. It was sad, because we had to say goodbye to a club patriarch, Art Burgott, certainly one of our best known and loved members. Art and his wife, Helen, are relocating to Southern Illinois.



It was a happy day, because we had an opportunity to let Art know how much we appreciate what he has done for the club.

We said goodbye to a Past President and an Outstanding Service Award winner—a man who has epitomized what SMC is all about. Art's vitality, sparkling humor and infectious leadership style are things we have admired so very long.



Bill Reilly took Art down Hush Puppy Lane—a piece of real estate made famous by Art. Bill did a "golden oldie" interview with him, a brief review of Art's life and acknowledgement of his many contributions to the club.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings:

Lloyd Miller will be 93 on March 8.
Walter Cornelius will be 85 on March 8.
Robert Massey will be 92 on March 13.
Howard Linder will be 85 on March 18.
Mearl Noftz will be 85 on March 25.
George Ward, Jr. will be 88 on March 29.
Robert Hackett will be 85 on March 30.
John Lorimer will be 85 on March 30.

Birthdays of Members on Leave of Absence:

Paul Gradolph will be 86 on March 5.
William Cooper will be 86 on March 8.
William Bones on March 13.

Associate Member Birthdays:

Jim Hinkamp on March 18.
Clyde Simpson on March 19.

Deaths:

 Virginia Atkinson, wife of life member George H. Atkinson.

Charles R. Buell, on leave, who joined in July 1991.
Harris O. Machus, who joined in April 1995.
Clifford I. Lundgren, past president and life member, who joined in November 1983.

Address Change:

Arthur G. Burgott, 726 Community Drive, #101, Belleville, IL, 62223.
Bob Massey, 1050 N. Adams #12, Birmingham, MI, 48009.
James Salrin, 2817 Vineyards Drive, Troy, MI, 48098-6206, (248) 952-5354.

New Telephone Numbers:

Melvin Pillon, (248) 344-3576.
Dave Schwartz (248) 253-1602.

New Applicants:

Gordon E. Appleby, (Helen), 5861 Blandford Ct., Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 646-5270.
Sponsor: Ben Smith.
Donald D. Campbell, (Elaine), 1212 Westboro, Birmingham, 48009, 644-4907.
Sponsor: Ed Quinn.
Frank L. Schmid, (Jane), 32304 Arlington Dr., Beverly Hills, 48025, 647-0767.
Sponsor: Larry Halloran.
Robert W. Tanke, (Nancy), 847 Adams Ct., Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 642-5925.
Sponsor: Curt Lundy.
Francis L. Zernhelt, (Cathy), 2341 Chula Vista Lane, Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 258-9193.
Sponsor: George Miller.

New Life Member:

John F. Ernhardt, on leave, who joined in January 1985.

New Members:

Charles B. Coley, (Janet), 840 Shephardbush, Birmingham, 48009, 645-0368.
Sponsor: Bill Hunter.
Gordon E. Miller, (Julie), 2661 Hounds Chase, Troy, 48098, 641-8268.
Sponsor: Bob Lyle.
John P. Ray, (Mary), 18385 Warwick Dr., Beverly Hills, 48025, 646-4426.
Sponsor: Don Upward.
Thomas E. Shipley, Jr., 2694 Dorchester, Birmingham, 48009, 614-0063.
Sponsor: Carver Wood.
Thomas K. Tabor, 18280 Devonshire, Beverly Hills, 48025, 644-6719.
Sponsor: Ray Swartz.

Corrections to 2001 SMC Directory:

Dr. Ken Urwiller's zip code should be 48304.
Gene Hess, 1111 N. Old Woodward, C138, (248) 646-3802.
Robert Elliott, 1111 N. Old Woodward, C225.
Ted Kokubo, 1111 N. Old Woodward, C129, (248) 258-4903.
Charles Gates, (248) 644-1446.

-Bob Babcock and Jim D'Allemand

Casino Curiosity

Like anticipating a winning roll of the dice, our Senior Men's Club of Birmingham is  expecting a rewarding outcome for its special event March 15 at the MGM Grand—Detroit Casino. Already the odds favoring a success are seen by the 118 members who bought tickets the first day they were offered. Individual curiosity? Group contentment? Perhaps a blending that is resulting in probably a SMC record number of participants in a planned external program.

One, then two, and now a third motorcoach will take us at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 15 from the First United Methodist Church parking lot to and from the MGM Grand. That transportation plus an "all you can eat" buffet and a VIP briefing with a tour of the casino costs only \$15 a person. John Zabriskie (647-2455) and Larry Price (647-3676) are handling arrangements and tickets.

Community House Changes

The Community House is instituting a number of changes which will impact our Friday meeting arrangements.

The library will no longer be available. Meeting registration will be conducted in the Ruth Shain Room

The Discussion Group meetings will be relocated from the Club Room to Room 201.

Coat racks will be moved to the South end of the building.

The lunch price will increase to \$6 from \$5, effective March 2, 2001 instead of January 4, 2001 as originally planned.

Coffee Charges

Friday meeting attendees are reminded that coffee drinkers are expected to pay \$0.50 for each cup consumed (the second or third cup is NOT free.)

10 Virtues of an SMC Member

1. The curiosity of a cat
2. Tenacity of a bulldog
3. Determination of a taxi driver
4. Diplomacy of a wayward husband
5. Patience of a self-sacrificing wife
6. Enthusiasm of a jitterbug
7. Good humor of an idiot
8. Simplicity of a jackass
9. Assurance of a college boy
10. Tireless energy of a bill collector

If it's true that we are here to help others, what are the others here for?

Bridge Report

Contract averaged eight players. High scorers were Russ McCarty, 2490; Don McNair, 2395; Jack Frailey, 2343; Al Kelly, 2290; Carl Schorn, 2270. There was one grand slam.

Duplicate averaged 37 players. High scorers were Jack Saylor, .70%; Art Miltner, .67%; Kirby Callam, .63%; Bob Davis, .61%. There were nine small slams.

-Zack Endress & Don McNair

In the 1930's you paid:

5 cents Baby Ruth Bar
20 cents Haircut
3 cents/lb. Potatoes
\$2.95 Mickey Mouse watch
\$5.75 14 carat wedding ring

In the 1930's, if you had a job, you earned as little as 25 cents an hour.

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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 2001 are: J. Carver Wood, Jr., president; Ernest Bergan, first vice president; Benjamin E. Ewing, second vice president; Richard N. Harper, Jr., recording secretary; John H. McLaughlin, corresponding secretary; Raymond Latovick, treasurer; William F. Minard, assistant treasurer; Russell B. Frye and John Horiszny, officers at large.

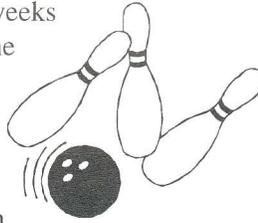
THE REMINDER includes: George Lumsden, editor; Dick Harper, Paul Pentecost and Alvie Smith, associate editors; Bob Hadley and John Dudash, photography; Lee Trumbull, computer layout; Bill English, mailing.

Bowling Report

After six weeks of bowling in the second half of the season,

Team #4 (DeGrande, Neppach, Dean & Kozak) continue to lead all teams with a total of 42 points. Phil Martz has the leading average (174), high single game (253), and high series (655). Team #9 (Boynton, Garland, Erben & Salrin) now lead all teams with team handicap game of 743. Team #6 (Cvengros, Tabor, Swartz & Beck) continue to lead all teams with a high handicap series of 2003.

-D.J. Kozak



Words of Wisdom

On the other hand, you have different fingers.

Perhaps you are diagonally parked in a parallel universe.

Despite the high cost of living, it is still extremely popular.

Support bacteria; they're the only culture some people have.

Experience is something you don't get until after you need it.

Bills travel through the mail twice as fast as checks.

The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required on it.

The problem with the gene pool is there is no lifeguard.

Group Meetings

Camera Group

The Camera Group will meet on March 13 at 2 PM at 700 E. Maple in Birmingham, (South side of Maple, East of Woodward) at Alderman Photographic Arts. We will be given a tour of a portrait studio with examples and demonstrations of photographic techniques in lighting and various settings. We will see the "photographic" process from initial exposure to final image—processed and projected by a digital projector. Limited parking at site, please park across the street, (North side of Maple) at old Kroger location.

-Bill Gridley

Investment and Computer Groups

The Investment and Computer Groups will have a joint meeting on March 21 at 2:45 PM at The Community House. A speaker from Investscape, Inc. will discuss electronic trading technologies entitled "How-to's of Investing on the Internet."

Applicant Activity

Orientation Meeting Tuesday, March 20. An Orientation Meeting for new Applicants will be held Tuesday, March 20 at 1:30 PM in the Club Room. Applicants accepted since June 2000 are urged to attend and will be contacted to confirm their plans to do so. Please contact Jaap Delevie (248) 647-3264 or (jbdelevie@aol.com) or John Flintosh (248) 626-0910 or (jflintosh@yahoo.com) if you are interested. This special meeting will acquaint newer Applicants with the history and organization of the Club, participation in Club meetings and activities, the Waiting List and other procedural details. Related questions also will be addressed. Please plan to attend.

-Bob Gardner

Is this Seat Taken?

We're sometimes asked who sits at the head table and why? Well, there may be a seat for you if you're really interested.

Most seats are already set for practical reasons. A majority of seats are for members who are involved in the regular Friday meeting agenda. For instance, as one faces the head table, to the right of the podium, the first seat belongs to the President. To his left is the First Vice President. Then the Corresponding Secretary and two seats for new inductees. The last seat is for the Membership Chairman.

On that same side, facing the stage, the first seat goes to the Chairman of Legislative Moments followed by the Membership and Lunch Ticket Chairman. Two seats are open for sponsors of new inductees, and Past President Walt Meyers has the last chair. Where's your seat? We're coming to that.

To the left of the podium, facing the members, you'll find the Recording Secretary, and on his right, the Second Vice President who is in charge of program speakers, then the Monthly Program Chairman and guest speaker.

Seated opposite the Recording Secretary is the BASCC representative. Now, your seat. If you have any relationship to the speaker—work, friend, neighbor, church, etc.—tell the Monthly Chairman of the relationship, and you'll be more than welcome to sit opposite the speaker. This not only makes the speaker feel at home, but it allows you an opportunity to renew acquaintances.

Is the seat taken? Indeed it is, if you speak up for it.

-Bill Reilly

When someone asks you, "A penny for your thoughts," and you put in your two cents worth, what happens to the other penny?

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President Carver Wood also praised Art, calling him a "giant among men" as well as a "kingmaker" because of his long time position as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

In this regard, Art told the Reminder some months back, that he saw his role within SMC as a catalyst for change when appropriate. He encouraged members to contribute. His philosophy regarding membership was "unless you participate in club activities you won't know how much fun it can be, and won't know the real joy and satisfaction of membership."



Carver Wood presented Art with a commemorative plaque in honor of his accomplishments and contributions.

Art ended the festivities with heart-felt comments and a thank you to the club. This generated a final standing ovation and a few not so dry eyes.

-Dick Harper

Better Late... Than Never

The big snow storm hit when we were putting the January Reminder together. That prevented us from using photos, so we ran the article about Chalmers Brown's induction into Life Membership sans photo.

Here is Chalmers being interviewed by Art Burgott. Congrats!



Other Club Dates To Remember

Exec. Board: 9:30 a.m. Mar. 20, 2001.

Bowling: Practice every Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. and League Play every Monday at 9:30 a.m. both at Thunderbird Lanes in Troy.

Reminder Deadline: March 9, 2001.

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

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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Member Survey

Proposed SMC Ride Program

The SMC is aware that members or applicants may not always be able to drive to Friday meetings, due to health or other factors. We know that on occasion, members do arrange for rides from other members or from their family.

The Club would like to determine the extent of this problem, and to evaluate possible solutions - particularly the possibility of members driving others to meetings on a volunteer basis.

While a number of factors, particularly logistics, notification arrangements and committee responsibility need sorting out; you can contribute to this evaluation by completing the appropriate section below.

NEED A RIDE:

Frequently

Occasionally

COULD PROVIDE A RIDE (to a Member or Applicant living nearby):

Frequently

Occasionally

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please return this form to The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, MI 48009, or give to any SMC Officer. Thank you.