

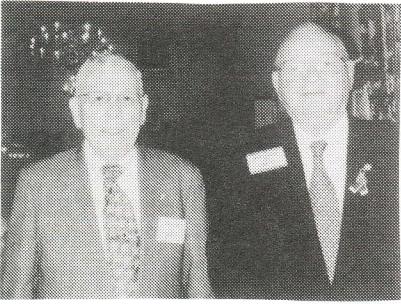
The
November
2001

Reminder

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



Officers at Large



At nearly every Friday club meeting, two smiling members sporting "Officer at Large" credentials stroll about, greeting fellow attendees. Currently, Russ Frye and John Horiszny

hold this officer title. Russ and John recently advised the Executive Board that not all members really understand their role.

Club bylaws state that Officers at Large serve as advocates for members and present members' ideas, concerns or suggestions to the Board; they might be viewed as a conduit to the Executive Board for the membership. So the next time you want to bring something to the attention of the Board, see Russ or John.

-Dick Harper

"When you are famous, you can bore people at parties and they think it's their fault."

Henry Kissinger

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER CHAIRMAN: KEN HOLLOWAY

2	Speaker: Michael J. Bouchard Sheriff of Oakland County Topic: New Technology to Get Job Done
9	Speaker: Charles C. McCloskey Director of Construction DTW Midfield Terminal Topic: The New DTW Midfield Terminal
16	Speaker: James R. Wolfe Retired Educator, Volunteer Teacher in China Topic: The Other Side of China
30	Speaker: Thomas J. Bray Syndicated Columnist Topic: A Post-September 11th Analysis

An Artist and Sculptor Joins Golden Oldies



Life members better known as "Golden Oldies" have a tremendous diversification of talents and abilities. However, there are not many life members with artistic talent.

At the October 12, 2001 meeting Omer Petti became a life member, the most prestigious level of the Senior Men's Club, and brought his artistic talent to the "Golden Oldies."

Omer graduated from Wayne State University, was a Major in the Army Air Force, worked for Ford Motor Company as a project engineer and retired from Frederich H. Mason Co. Inc. as President and part owner after 22 years.

Omer loves to paint but he enjoys sculpting the most. He has had displays of his work at The Community House OUR TOWN Art Show and at other artistic events. A truly talented individual who also includes bridge and golf in his repertoire, he will increase the artistic talent in the life member segment of the SMC.

-Bill Reilly

NOVEMBER DISCUSSIONS

NOVEMBER CHAIRMAN: ANDY SPENCER

2	Speaker: Frank M. Barnes SMC Member Topic: Sewers and Why They Don't Always Work
9	Speaker: Leo L. Case SMC Member Topic: E-Coat, a Metal-Finishing Miracle
16	Speaker: Harold M. Brown & Gordon Appleby SMC Member & SMC Applicant Topic: The Bo-Woody Years - U of M vs OSU
30	Speaker: Charles Amann & William I. Chapman SMC Members Topic: What Became of the Automotive Gas Turbine?

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings:

James Bostwick will be 85 on Nov. 1

Ed Howell, life member, will be 90 on Nov. 1

Ted Wreesman, life member, will be 91 on Nov. 11

Chuck Henning, life member, will be 88 on Nov. 15

Art Burgott, life member, will be 90 on Nov. 21

Robert Schwab, life member, will be 88 on Nov. 25

Durand Brown, life member, will be 91 on Nov. 30

Birthdays of Members on Leave of Absence:

Dr. Dick Straith will be 80 on Nov. 28

Birthdays of Associate Members:

Bill Kenyon will be 80 on Nov. 8

Deaths:

Thomas E. Bedford, life member who joined in May, 1988

Beverly Ann Loviner, wife of member Jack Loviner

George R. Snider, life member who joined in November, 1985

New Applicants:

John W. Burns, (Mary Lou), 898 Putney, Birmingham, 48009, 644-7619

George E. Ferber, (Marilyn), 19037 Saxon, Beverly Hills, 48025, 646-6086

William E. Frever, (Judith), 1543 Hazel, Birmingham, 48009, 642-1077

Gerald J. Kabel, (Clare), 4211 Carey Lane, Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 646-8762

Sponsor: Ben Smith

Sponsor: Bill Hassberger

Sponsor: Jack Fawcett

Sponsor: John MacInnes

New Members:

David J. Barrett, (Mary Ellen), 1248 S. Timberview Trail, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 844-0047

Frank J. Bujold, (Mary Lou), 3340 N. Adams, Troy, 48084, 642-4273

Robert S. Cooper, (Linda), 5991 Blandford Rd., Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 644-3409

Michael J. Inzitari, (Linda), 303 Millington Ct., Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 335-3826

William A. Keller, (Barbara), 2718 Warwick Dr., Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 332-5136

William E. Munro, (Marion), 2483 Wildbrook Run, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 643-9494

Kenneth E. Nyquist, (Anna-Lisa), 2133 Park Ridge Dr., Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 335-9556

Irvin E. Poston, (Lois), 288 Shirley, Birmingham, 48009, 646-9574

Sponsor: Jim Peltier

Sponsor: John Rady

Sponsor: Jean Batts

Sponsor: Bill MacLachlan

Sponsor: Ben Smith

Sponsor: Bill Peters

Sponsor: Gerard Markey

Sponsor: Bob Erben

New Life Member:

Graham A. Benedict who joined in June, 1985

Harry L. Deem who joined in October, 1984

Leave of Absence:

R. Alan Cobleigh

Leon A. Snapp

Arthur L. Conant

Arthur J. Underwood

Thomas C. Graham

Paul D. Yager

Paul W. McGovern

Reinstated:

 George A. Ball

Resigned:

 James H. Struck, George W. Goodrich and Louis J. Mahoney

Address Changes:

George R. Glass, 6200 S. White Place, Chandler, AZ 85249-3889, (480) 883-1840

Email: GRGlass@aol.com

Ross Wagner, Rosewood Care Center of Edwardsville, 6277 Center Grove Rd., Edwardsville, IL 62025, (618) 659-0605

Edward C. Neill, 39312 Woodward Ave #707, Bloomfield Hills, 48304-5007

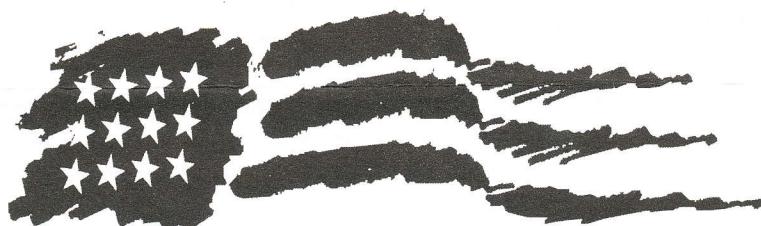
-Bob Babcock and Jim D'Allemand

Cruisin' with the SMC



A great time was had by all of the SMC members, applicants, wives and guests while cruising almost 2300 miles on the beautiful Crown Princess. Accommodations, food, entertainment and service offered by this 70,000 ton, 804 foot long ship were superb. The cruise started and ended in Boston, stopping at six U.S. and Canadian cities where several ashore tours were available in each city. The travel agent did a commendable job in arranging air transportation and shipboard accommodations. Much appreciated was tour guide, applicant Larry Price who kept the group informed and took care of the many details pertinent to the cruise. The SMC Special Events Committee that arranged this tour is planning another in the U.S.A. Northwest next summer. Stay tuned!

-Brad Ballard



A Day To Remember

We will never be the same, we thought it could never happen here,
America and other countries are filled with anger and fear.
On September 11, 2001, in the early morning hours,
Hijacked planes headed for the Pentagon and the New York trade towers.
The evil terrorists, with hate and destruction in mind,
Hijacked our planes and used them as their weapons,
To kill and maim mankind.
Thousands of people were buried, beneath tons of steel and rock,
Hundreds of rescuers were working around the clock.
Fighting against time, full of hope and with tears in their eyes,
The rescuers continued, among the people's cries.
Anger and disbelief filled homes abroad and in this great land,
People around the world, offered prayers and a helping hand.
We stand united and will not break,
Our democracy and freedom is forever at stake.
So please, keep your flag flying, to show them that you care,
We are a freedom loving people, and to our enemies, BEWARE!
PLEASE GOD, BLESS AMERICA!

- Patricia L. Ferrand

Another 9-11-01 Story

Dick Hameister sent us a nice story based on the WTC attack last month. It was a letter from a naval officer forwarded by a navy friend of Dick's. A brief review following:

Following the WTC attack, a naval vessel put in to an English port. Tied up alongside the US ship was a German navy ship. The two crews got together and became friendly.

Both ships were at sea when the German ship passed the US ship. The German ship was flying an American flag - at half mast. The entire crew of the German ship were manning the rail in dress blues and displayed a sign that read We Stand By You.

(Editor's note: It's interesting how international relations work well if people of various nations get to know one another.)

Highlighting History at Home

"It's a great time in Detroit" – 2001: Detroit's 300th Birthday. And we are going to go there...and celebrate it, too!

November 14 is the date for the Senior Men's Club to enjoy an exceptional educational event at the Detroit Historical Museum and eat at a related historical site, The Whitney.

You will journey back three centuries while viewing Detroiters at work, from frontiers to factories, building the Motor City. Among the outstanding exhibits is one on how and why Detroit became the world's automotive capital, with an actual two-story assembly line.

"An American Restaurant in an American Palace" is one way to describe the David Whitney mansion, where we will be offered a special luncheon. The massive 21,000 square foot residence boasts 52 rooms, 10 bathrooms, 20 fireplaces and an awesome grand staircase.

The complete program of Detroit Historical Museum docent-led tour and private luncheon at The Whitney costs \$34. This also includes charter motorcoach transportation departing at 9:00 AM from the First Presbyterian Church at 1669 West Maple Road in Birmingham and returning by 1:00 PM.

Tickets went on sale October 12 at the Friday meeting when Dr. Dennis M. Zembala, Director of the Detroit Historical Museums, spoke to the SMC.

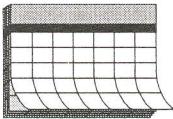
Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party is planned for Wednesday, December 12, 2001 at The Community House. This is a wonderful way to usher in the Christmas season with fellow members, applicants, spouses or special friend. Get a group together of four, six or eight and our reservation committee will try to accommodate. Or come as a single or a couple and meet new friends. The social hour starts at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$29.50 each and will go on sale November 2, 2001. The ticket price includes a full course dinner with an entree choice of tenderloin beef or grilled salmon, social hour punch and light snacks, entertainment with the Madison Chorale group under the direction of Maureen Kennedy and a Christmas carol sing-a-long to top things off. Buy your tickets early before the house is full!

Mark Your Calendar

*December 18, 2001 for the annual Radio City Spectacular starring The Rockettes. The total cost is \$30.00 per person.

*January 18, 2002 for The Detroit International Auto Show. More information to come.



Club Meeting Arrangements

As previously reported, a portion of The Community House, including the Wallace Ballroom, will undergo renovation starting in January 2002.

During the renovation period, our Friday club meeting, including lunch will move to the First United Methodist Church at 1589 W. Maple Road. Adequate parking will be available behind the church. Lunch will be catered by The Community House. The Discussion Group meeting and Friday Bridge will also be held at the church.

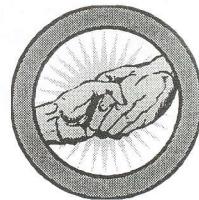
Other club meetings and committee activities including the Executive Board, Camera, Computer, Investment Study and Tuesday Bridge will continue to be held at The Community House, as well periodic meetings of the Special Events Committee and the Reminder circulation group.

These schedules will be regularly confirmed at Friday meetings and reported in the Reminder.

-Dick Harper

Good Samaritans and Helping Hands

Some of the copy in this issue of the Reminder was made possible by one of our applicants who is also active in the computer group. Old George, your faithful editor, is a know-nothing when it comes to his computer. When he punched the wrong key the other day, and threw the machine out of whack, he called for help - and got it.



Thanks to Ralph Carolin, both the editor and the computer are back in service. What a club we belong to!

An Invitation Well Taken

Last month's Reminder appeared when the WTC towers and the Pentagon were hit by terrorists. We ran a couple of stories about things that happened to people we knew. Then we invited members to submit stories they knew about.

John Dudash submitted one that was too long to use, but too good to toss out. It's about a flight that was grounded in Gander, Newfoundland, and the way the locals took care of passengers who were marooned there. Seems a town of 10,400 people found a way to play host to 10,500 emergency guests - 53 plane loads of them. Schools, municipal buildings, homes, all opened to "visitors." Bad events somehow turn out good results. (We made a few copies of the complete text and they'll be available in the "sign-up room" at our next meeting).

Bridge Report

Contract averaged nine players. High average scorers for this period were Chris Davenport (3023), Byron Converse (2990), Carl Schorn (2563), Bob Edison (2043), Don McNair (2280) and Henry Dawkins (2100). There were two small slams.

Duplicate averaged 34 players. High scorers were Jack Gates (.69%), Joe Rattner, Jim Peters and Jack Gaylor (.66%) and Bill Straith (.61%). There were 13 small slams and six grand slams.

-Zack Endress & Don McNair

Bowling



After four weeks of bowling the number of teams were reduced from 14 to 12 and the transition was accomplished without a hitch.

With five weeks of bowling completed, team number five (Ray Latovick, Tom Tabor, Bill Minard and Phil Martz) is in first place with 34 points.

Individual Statistics:

High Average	Phil Martz	171
High Single Game	Joe Maertens	220
High Series	Phil Martz	584

Team Statistics:

Team number six (Bill Reilly, Lee Case, Larry Smith and Dennis Kozak) bowled a 678 game and a 1938 series to lead all teams in those two categories.

- Dennis Kozak

*"No one ever says, 'It's only a game,' when their team is winning."
"By the time a man can afford to lose a golfball, he can't hit it that far!"*

Committee Chairman

If you are going to be a committee or group chairman for the year 2002, please line up your vice-chairman and the other members of your committee and get the list to the handbook chairman, Bob Engel. These lists are needed as soon as possible, but by the end of November at the latest to assure getting the 2002 directory into member's hands in January.

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 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 Horisny, 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.

Group Meetings

Investment Group

The Group will meet on Wednesday, November 14 at 2:45 PM at The Community House.

Raymond Leggett, Regional V.P., Strong Capital Management will discuss the new "529" rule that permits Educational Funding/Estate Planning opportunities.

John Peters, V.P., Raymond James will forecast the stock market future and provide recommended stock picks.

Plan to attend this very informative meeting.

-George Miller

Camera Group

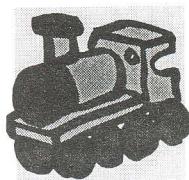
The Camera Group will meet on Tuesday, November 13 at 2:00 PM at The Community House. Bob Benton will show pictures of the Kenya segment of his trip around the world. The slides will particularly feature wild animals in the game reserves.

-Bill Gridley

The Little Engine That

Couldn't

It huffed and puffed but couldn't quite reach the goal for the Oakland County Children's Village.



We did however scrounge up \$4,163. That will be significant help to round out special projects for the kids at the Village. Very many thanks and much gratitude for all of you who supported this program.

We're considering nuclear power next year for the little engine!

-Phil Werner

Friday Speakers

During research conducted about three years ago, members were asked about their interest in the elements of our Friday meetings. The highest rated item was the speaker presentation.

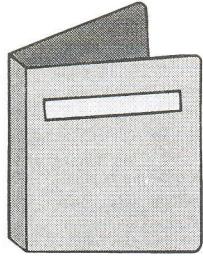
Of course monthly program chairmen are encouraged to identify and invite speakers who will be interesting, entertaining and/or informative for our members. We generally are very successful in this respect. Not surprisingly, good speakers, especially if they are well known, attract strong member turn out.

Clearly however, we can never have too many good speakers. At the same time, our annual eleven monthly program chairmen can't be expected to come up with all possible good speaker ideas.

This is where our membership can help. Many of you can suggest good presenters we haven't thought of, for our consideration. Suggestions can be delivered to any club officer.

- Dick Harper

2002 Handbook



Work has begun on the Handbook and Member Directory for next year. To make these Directories as complete as possible we need

you to advise us if your listing in the 2001 Directory is up to date. Pay special attention to your address, wife's nickname, telephone number and email address. This information is needed before the end of November. Send your changes to SMC c/o The Community House.

- Bob Engel & Jim D'Allemand

Attendance Alert

Hear ye! Six might get you ten.
Only six meetings left in 2001.

-Brad Ballard



Applicants Need to Give to TCH A.F.D.

Having our functions at TCH has contributed to the success of the Senior Men's Club. This is an unique building and monies are needed for it to continue to exist. We all need to support TCH to continue having the facility, the services and the staff it provides.

If you have not donated to this fund campaign, it is important to do so A.S.A.P., before the drive ends for the year.

Thanks to all who have already donated.

NOTE: Mark your calendars for the annual SMC Christmas party to be held next month. See the December Reminder for details.

- Bob Gardner

Other Club Dates to Remember

Executive Board Meeting: 9:30 a.m. November 13, 2001.

Reminder Deadline: November 16, 2001.

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

Bowling: Mondays, 9:00 a.m., Thunderbird Lanes, Troy.

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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