

# The Reminder

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Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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## Outstanding Service Awards

Undoubtedly, the most significant individual recognition a member of the Senior Men's Club can receive is the Outstanding Service Award. As the title of this award indicates, it is intended to recognize multifaceted and long-standing contributions of selected members of the club.

The honorees receiving this award for 2001, Jean Batts and Durand Brown, epitomize the values expressed in our charter, especially the promotion of fellowship and the rendering of service.

Among the highlights of their contributions, Jean was the guiding force behind the development of the club procedure manual, while Durand has served as chairman of our Master of Ceremonies Committee for many years, as well as being our principal songmaster.

We all extend our congratulations to this truly deserving pair!

—Dick Harper



Batts and Brown

## FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: DON UPWARD

- 1 James Wolfe ..... Retired Educator, Volunteer Teacher in China  
"The Other Side of China: Tibet"
- 8 William Halbert ..... Senior V.P. Paine Webber, Birmingham  
"The Emotional Cycles of the Stock Market"
- 15 Mel J. Drumm ..... Executive Director, Detroit Science Center  
"Discovering the New Detroit Science Center"
- 22 Kathy Parker & Debi Green/Seaholm Singers ..... Directors, Seaholm Spring Musical  
"George M! Yankee Doodle"

## FEBRUARY DISCUSSIONS

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: GEORGE D. FALLS

- 1 Laurence A. Price ..... Senior Men's Club Applicant  
"Travel - Now and Then"
- 8 S. Walter Meyers ..... Senior Men's Club Member  
"What is BASCC?"
- 15 Kenneth L. Urwiller, M.D. .... Senior Men's Club Member  
"You and Your Prostate"
- 22 Roger H. Hammer, CFP ..... Senior Men's Club Applicant  
"Your Nest Egg - Now and Then"



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Special Birthday Greetings:

Joe Sackerson, life member, will be 87 on Feb. 18  
Brad Ballard will be 85 on Feb. 21  
Ray Hughes, life member, will be 86 on Feb. 29

## Birthdays of Associate Members:

John Wunch will be 79 on Feb. 25

## Leave of Absence:

Theodore G. Orlicki  
Donald E. Spalding

## New Applicants:

Bernard Arca, (Julia), 1525 Lakewood Road, Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 851-0377  
John F. Doherty, (Marlene), 1855 Tiverton Road, Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 258-0841  
John F. Knutson, (Judy), 232 Pilgrim, Birmingham, 48009, 646-0759  
Orland C. Redo, (Mary), 4375 Derry Road, Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 626-0623  
Alfred Shrosbee, (Mary Alice), 23900 Greenglen, Bingham Farms, 48025, 593-1478  
William M. Speitzer, (Rose Marie), 22663 N. Nottingham Dr., Beverly Hills, 48025, 647-5140

Sponsor: Kenneth Holloway  
Sponsor: Zachary F. Endress  
Sponsor: Spencer B. Berg  
Sponsor: Maurice B. Allen, Jr.  
Sponsor: William J. Hunter  
Sponsor: Harry R. Mitchell

## New Members:

Clarence E. Cheff, (Sharrie), 905 Dowling, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 646-0077  
Ronald W. Kraft, (Barbara), 819 North Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 433-1867

Sponsor: Harold M. Brown  
Sponsor: Cliff McClew

## Address Changes:

Andrew O'Keefe's address should be Waterford, not Clarkston  
Charles Sorber, 15081 Ford Rd. #118, Dearborn, MI, 48126-4692, (313) 945-6525  
Bruce Van Deusen has a new telephone number (248) 269-6596  
John E. Wunch, 2840 Keewahdin Rd., Fort Gratiot, 48059, (810) 385-2820  
David Zimmer, 6257 Telegraph Road #234, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301-1649 (Telephone stays the same)

## Deaths:

James H. Bower, who joined in October 1993  
R. Allan Cobleigh, on leave, who joined in January 1997  
Thomas Dickson, Jr., on leave, who joined in June 1995  
Edward C. Neill, who joined in February 1997  
Joseph W. Ratner, life member, who joined in April 1990

## Birthdays of Members on Leave of Absence:

Carroll Smeak will be 72 on Feb. 4  
Les Swanson will be 80 on Feb. 7  
Dr. Dick Heldt will be 80 on Feb. 16

## Dropped:

Irv B. Reiff

## Resigned:

J. Craig Hausman  
Robert J. Zolad

—Bob Babcock and Jim D'Allemand



# The Changing of the Guard

It may not be at Buckingham Palace or in front of the Capitol in Washington DC, but we have a ceremony every bit as meaningful in the changing of administrations for the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. And rightly so, because taking on the job of president of our little organization is a very responsible and time-consuming task.

In changing the guard here, we thank the outgoing president and applaud the incoming one who will provide not only continuity but



*Shown here is Carver passing the gavel to Ernie. And we think we can hear Carver say, "Bang it hard, Ernie, and these guys will listen!"*

progress for the club. We thank Carver Wood for his steady hand throughout 2001. It was a busy year and a most successful one. Good things happened and Carver had a lot to do with that.

Now, we welcome Ernie Bergan as our new leader. Ernie has been in all the chair positions leading to the top job and we know he will do nicely in his new role. So we pledge our support to him and thank him for taking on the task of guiding the affairs of this venerable organization. Thanks, guys. We appreciate all you've done and are doing!



*So that Carver will have a lasting memento of his service, he is shown here being presented the past-president's plaque by his predecessor, Bill Reilly. And Bill says, "This will remind you of a big job - well done."*

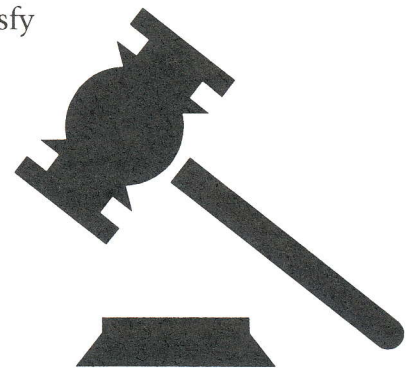
## Executive Board Actions

At the executive board meeting on January 8, 2002, several decisions were approved concerning Friday meetings. These decisions are directed at assuring compliance with The Community House capacity limitations while maximizing seat availability for members staying for lunch.

First, regular members and applicants will be strongly encouraged to satisfy their minimum meeting requirements by the end of September each year. This should minimize the fourth quarter crowding that has strained The Community House capacity.

Second, members and applicants staying for lunch are requested to place their lunch ticket at a selected table place setting at least five minutes before 10:30 AM. Sergeant-at-arms committee members are authorized to monitor available place settings for late arriving attendees and to consider place settings without a lunch ticket as open. Finally, attendees not staying for lunch should not be seated at a table during the business portion of a meeting.

The previous board action limiting the posting of names at tables was rescinded. The board anticipates that the usual goodwill and cooperative attitude of club members will ensure the successful implementation of these decisions.



—Brad Ballard and Dick Harper



# Niagara on the Lake

SMC's first overnight tour on June 4 and 5, 2002 will be a motorcoach trip to Niagara on the Lake, Ontario, Canada. Our trip will be framed by the stunning beauty of the Niagara River and Escarpment. Experience the warmth and charm of the community and the wonderful attractions offered in the area. Stay in a first-class accommodation, the White Oaks Conference Resort Hotel.

Our first stop will be the Chateau Des Charmes Winery for a tour and wine tasting. This magnificent Chateau is the heart of this family-owned winery founded by Ontario wine pioneer Paul Bosc. We will browse through Niagara on the Lake, followed by a gourmet dinner at our resort. Later, we will attend the evening performance of "Caesar 'n Cleopatra" at the Festival Theater, where we will have orchestra seating.

The following day enjoy a home style breakfast buffet at our resort. While driving to Niagara Falls to

witness the wonder of the Falls, we will also stop and stretch our legs at attractions on the way. Lunch is on your own at the Table Rock Restaurant where you will dine at the brink of the Canadian Horseshoe Falls in this family affordable restaurant. Return to Niagara on the Lake for the matinee performance of "Detective Story" at the Festival Theatre, again with orchestra seating. After the matinee performance we will depart for home.

The cost of this overnight event is \$175.00 per person double occupancy and a reservation deposit of \$60.00 per person will be accepted starting Friday, March 8, 2002. A detailed itinerary of this trip and the date of your final payment will appear in the next issue of The Reminder.

—Hudson Scheifele



## Death Notices

Effective March 1, 2002 telephone notification of member's deaths will be discontinued for those with Email. Members wishing to continue receiving telephone notification in addition to Email should notify Chuck Kirkpatrick. Applicants do not receive telephone notification, but they will continue to receive Email notification.

—Brad Ballard and Chuck Kirkpatrick

## Attendance Record Holders

Kudos to life members Henry Dawkins, Jim Fonda and Ray Swartz for attending all 42 meetings in 2001. Active member Dick Harper also attended 42 times. Closely following with 41 were Ernie Bergan, Frank Garland, Bob Hagemeyer, Dick Hameister and Bill Reilly.



—Brad Ballard

## Golden Oldies

As of December 31, 2001 there are 87 life members in the most prestigious segment of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. These men have a tremendous diversification of talents and abilities.

There are 24 life members who are ninety or older. Henry Dawkins at 97 is the oldest life member. The average age of a life member is 88 years.

Art Burgott was the originator of the idea of interviewing each member as he became eligible for life membership. Who can forget Art with his quick wit, intelligence and easy going personality starting down Florsheim Alley or Hush Puppy Lane, microphone in hand ready to interview the newest life member?

Being a life member, 85 years old and a member for 10 years has certain advantages. In addition to the membership's recognition of longevity, dues are no longer required, there are no minimum number of meetings to attend and the gold name card is indicative of their elevated status. Congratulations and best wishes to all "Golden Oldies."

—Bill Reilly



## Bridge Report

Contract averaged seven players. High average scorers for this period were Al Wagner (3120), Carl Schorn (2610), Russ McCarty (2500), Don McNair (2415). There were no slams.

Duplicate averaged 27 players. High scorers were Warren Spatz (.6722%), Phil Werner (.6611%), Bob Davis (.6447%), Chris Montross (.6190%) and Frank Schmid (.6000%). There were 27 small slams.

—Zack Endress & Don McNair

## Bowling

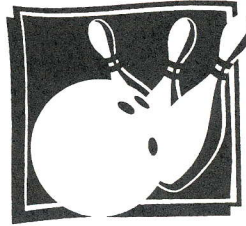
The first half of the season was completed and team # 18 (Steve Kadar, Bill Peschel, Bill Bettisworth and Dick Harper), became first half champions by defeating team #5 in the final week of competition.

Team #5 (Ray Latovick, Bill Minard, Tom Tabor and Phil Martz), however, leads all other teams with the high single game of 752 and the high single series of 2000.

Joe Maertens leads all bowlers with a high average of 172, high single game of 246, high series 624.

Remember all bowlers are requested to be at the alleys no later than 9:05 AM on Mondays. Practice bowling continues on Wednesdays same time, same place.

—D. J. Kozak



## We Continue to be Methodists ... At Least a While

Our Friday club meetings will continue to be held at the First Methodist Church through February 1, 2002. The same is true for the Discussion Group and Friday Bridge. Beginning February 8, 2002, we will return to The Community House for all regular club events. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

## 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 2002 are: Ernest Bergan, president; Benjamin E. Ewing, first vice president; Richard N. Harper, second vice president; John H. McLaughlin, recording secretary; Frank Barnes, corresponding secretary; Raymond Latovick, treasurer; William F. Minard, assistant treasurer; Robert Bannon and Don Cox, officers at large.

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

## Investment Group

The group will meet on Wednesday, February 13, 2002 at 2:45 PM at The Community House.

Mr. Richard Agree, President and CEO, and Mr. Kenneth Howe CFO of Agree Realty Corp. will speak on what is in store for real estate investment trusts for 2002.

Both gentlemen made an outstanding presentation in 2001 and we look forward to their return. Bring a friend and join us.

—Bill Johnson

## Computer Group

SMC member Bob Engel, vice chairman of the database committee, will present a discussion of the Access database that is used by the club to keep track of members. The generation of reports, directories, lists and mailing labels will be covered. The meeting will be held at The Community House at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, February 20, 2002.

—Chuck Kirkpatrick

## Camera Group

The camera group will meet at 2:00 PM, February 12, 2002 at The Community House. Our speaker will be Seymour Berman (SMC applicant) who will show slides of his tour of Japan. Slides to be included will be of Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Mt. Fuji and many others. He was particularly impressed with the outdoor sculpture gardens of Hakone. Even if you have been to Japan you don't want to miss the unusual pictures taken by this imaginative photographer.

—Bill Gridley



## Applicant Activity Committee

We, the newly elected members of the applicant activity committee, representing the future new blood of the SMC, want to express our gratitude for the weekly recognition of those applicants present at the club meetings. We see our task as encouraging greater attendance of applicants at all club groups and intend to ask our sponsors to be more active in introducing us to those groups. And, if possible, to be present at the appropriate applicant orientation meetings such as the one scheduled for March 19, 2002. We appreciate your support.

—Jaap Delevie

## Rockies/Alaska

SMC members, families and friends who join our June tour to the Canadian Rockies and Alaska will see and sense lots of joy from their trip and cruise.

Escorted by our club's own Larry Price, a veteran travel director who has created and conducted the same scenic itinerary for other groups, we will travel in comfort and style by plane, motorcoach, train and ship during the June 8 -23, 2002 tour.

More descriptive information about this trip can be obtained by calling Larry (647-3676), Marsha Richards at Village Travel & Cruise in Birmingham (646-4181) or by picking up a tour flyer at SMC meetings.

Be it the Canadian Rockies trip or the Alaska cruise, or both, our tour will be filled with marvelous memories of fellowship and fun forever.

## Somebody Has to Keep Things Straight

One important role played by one of our members is that of parliamentarian. He's the individual who makes sure business is conducted in an orderly manner. Our authority is Bill Crabtree and his authority is Robert's Rules of Order.

Most business is conducted with what is called a main motion, which can be debatable and/or amendable. A main motion requires a second and a majority vote. That sounds simple enough until you get into the precedence of motions relating to the main motion — tabling, postponing, referral to committee, etc. It takes a Bill Crabtree to keep things straight.

Thanks, Bill for lending your expertise to SMC; we like things orderly!

## Golf Date

The next golf date at the Auburn Hills Golf Center located at 141 S. Opdyke will be February 7, 2002 at 9:30 AM. Please note the time change. Remember golf at the dome is always the first and third Thursday of each month until our regular season starts. It is \$8 for all the golf balls you can hit between 9:30 - 11:30 AM.

For Thursday golfers: whether a single, double, threesome or foursome, please call Fran DeGrande at 489-1064 or Bill Reilly at 647-0310 to sign up.

—Bill Reilly

## Club Dates to Remember

**Executive Board Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. February 12, 2002.

**Reminder Deadline:** February 15, 2002.

**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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