

The Reminder

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PROGRAM FOR JULY, 1988 - JOHN H. ZICH, CHAIRMAN

- July 1 Speaker: Judd Arnett, Columnist, Detroit Free Press
Subject: "All in a Lifetime"
- July 8 Speaker: Mark Coir, Historian, Cranbrook Archives
Subject: "History of Cranbrook"
- July 15 Speaker: Annie Lahey, Director, Sheltering Arms
Subject: "Sheltering Arms"
- July 22 Speaker: Sgt. Chris Lanfear, Michigan State Police
Subject: "Heat Program"
- July 29 Speaker: James A. Bridenstine, Historian, Edsel Ford Estate
Subject: "Edsel Ford House, Grosse Pointe"

No SMC Meetings are held in August

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM CHAIRMAN - STAN SKAISTIS

- Sept. 2 Speaker: Ginny Sutherland
Subject: "What's Gnu at the Zoo?"

DISCUSSION GROUP SUBJECTS

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| July 1 | "Early History of the Auto Industry"
Roy Edwards, Leader | Tuesday, July 12
9:30 a.m. Executive Board |
| July 8 | "Casino Gambling"
Dick Thompson, Chief Ass't Prosecuting Attorney, Oakland County
Chuck Williams, Leader | Tuesday, July 19, Triple Play event. See page 3 |
| July 15 | "Foreign Ownership in the Americas"
Ed Yatsko, Leader | Friday, August 12, Annual Picnic
See page 3 |
| July 22 | "Curling"
Carl Ingraham, Leader | Wednesday, Sept. 28, St. Clair Inn.
Lunch and Boat cruise. Page 4 |
| July 29 | "South Oakland Shelter"
Gene Sparrow, Leader | - - - - - |
| Sept. 2 | "Elderhostel"
Bill Ragsdale, Leader | NEXT REMINDER DEADLINE IS |

August 19. Publication date is
Friday, Sept. 2

James K. Flack is Chairman of the Discussion Group

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GENTLEMEN, BE SEATED - AND READ ABOUT DEADLINES AND EDITORS

As explained in our June issue, it has been agreed between the Community House typists, the printer, and our editors, that it would be best to establish an earlier deadline for copy. This won't cause any problems for those who announce coming events. But it will create a different situation for those who report scores: bridge, bowling, golf, etc. The solution is not to have your report cover an even month but base it on four weeks (or five) preceding the deadline. The deadline for the September issue is August 19. Since the Club doesn't meet in August, mail or bring your articles to either one of the editors - Al Riebling or Al Beauvais.

To clear up confusion about who is Al and who is Albert, see the top of this page.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER INFORMATION

Associates who are coming north during the summer should remember that we don't meet in August. But do drop in if you're in Michigan in July or September.

Birthdays in the coming two months are:

July 16: Bob Montgomery. July 17: Grant Barber

August 1: Norm Schmitt. Augst 14: Bob Bellile

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Some smart guy threw a rubber band into the computer.
 Now it makes snap decisions.

JULY SPECIAL EVENT FEATURES A "TRIPLE PLAY" !

The "triple event" is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, on Belle Isle; it is open to members, applicants and spouses. (1) Leave early and visit the Dossin Museum and/or visit the nearby Whitcomb Conservatory and Formal Garden or the Aquarium. (2) Free cocktails at 11:30 a.m. in the picnic area adjacent to the Detroit Yacht Club (lagoon side). (3) Lunch at 12:45 p.m. in the DYC Sweepstakes Room on the third floor overlooking the Detroit River. All this for only \$13 per person. Get tickets early from co-chairmen, Art Brookman or Bruce Smith.

The Dossin Museum has hundreds of models of Great Lakes vessels, ancient and modern, from sails to modern bulk carriers. This will enchant old timers and newcomers. The museum contains a replica of a modern carrier pilot house that commands a view of the river and its traffic - this alone is worth the visit. To help defray costs, Dossins will appreciate any donation, on leaving or entering.

Participants are to provide their own transportation, or form a share-a-ride group. See the bulletin board for directions. Let's make this a real "party event" !

At the DYC your purchased ticket will get you past the guard and to your parking area, near the picnic area where cocktails will be served. Please bring folding chairs. After the luncheon hour, guides will be available to show interested parties various club facilities, docks and boats. A must for sailors and would-be sailors!

Sponsors: Please inform your applicants and help them get tickets.

SMC ANNUAL PICNIC - BRUCE SMITH, CHAIRMAN

Friday, August 12, is fun day at the Pontiac Yacht Club on Cass Lake. Enjoy fresh air, great food, fellowship, cards and games; or join the Discussion Group at the water's edge. Discussion Leader is Jim Flack, subject "Learning How to Live". Events start at 10 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. Only \$3.25 buys all this food and fun. Members and applicants are invited. (Sorry, no spouses for this event.) Sponsors: please inform your applicants and help them get tickets.



Roy Snyppe reports bridge players should form their own foursomes for the picnic. He and his committee will aid in forming foursomes and will provide cards and scoring aids. Players must bring card tables and chairs.

The Pontiac Yacht Club is at the south end of Keego Harbor. Drive north on Orchard Lake Road to the point where it does a 90 degree turn to the east. (There is a large A&P Supermarket on the west side of Orchard Lake Road.) Jog west at this point and see the PYC sign.

SMC SEPTEMBER SPECIAL EVENT - LEE BUSCH, CHAIRMAN

The SMC September event scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, is to be at the popular St. Clair Inn on the shore of the St. Clair River. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by an hour's cruise on the river. The village of St. Clair has many points of interest to explore.

The cost is \$17.50 per person; participants are limited to 40.

So get your tickets early.

ATTENTION ALL BOWLERS - REPORT BY TOM BEDFORD, BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Plans have to be made now for the 1988/89 bowling season. A sheet is posted on our bulletin aboard for signing up. We need your name, whether you are a club member or applicant, also if you want to bowl as a regular or sub. This information is needed so that teams can be made up after the last meeting in July, to be presented for the first meeting in September.

Bowling will start at 9:30 a.m. on September 12 at the Strike and Spare Lanes on Maple Road, just east of Telegraph. Bowlers, old and new, please sign up as soon as possible. Applicants, old and new, are welcome. You will get acquainted with Club members, get some exercise, and have a lot of fun.

BRIDGE REPORT FOR JUNE - by ROY SNYPP

Rubber bridge had 124 players for the month, with one slam.

HIGH SCORES

Andy Spencer	4000
Joe Kern	3330
Joe Landre	3310
Bill Hanson	3170
Julius Falke	3050

HIGH AVERAGES

Joe Landre	2530
Carl Schorn	2342
Joe Kern	2180
Larry Van Tuyl	2090
Baylor Sutton	2080

Duplicate Bridge

There were 103 players of Duplicate, with 5 slams.

High Scores were:

Jim Crab	69.4	Wilbur Wood	67%
Ed Powers	68%	Thomas Thompson	64%

1988 COMMUNITY HOUSE ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The House Annual Operating Fund Drive is progressing slowly; to date, only about 1/3 of the \$150,000 goal has been received. Perhaps it is due to the late start that was caused by the concentrated effort of the final days of the Capital Campaign. However, we hope that our regular contributors, including SMC members and applicants, plus some new donors will soon be joining those of us who have already given or pledged.

Remember, the final date for 1988 is August 31.

As one of our long time members has so aptly put it, many times, "Where in hell can you get so much for so little?" He says that he pays out several hundred dollars annually for membership in other clubs he attends perhaps once a month. He says, "At the SMC, I hear good programs, eat lunch, play bridge or attend lively discussion meetings and meet a swell bunch of guys weekly. There is nothing to match it." He is a regular and generous supporter of the Community House.

Please respond as soon and as generously as you can. Thanks to all of you who work so well with me in our several programs and projects.

-- Chick Holmes
Special Projects Chairman

VISITATION AND HEALTH - REPORTED BY HAROLD NYBERG

One day, four of us sharing ideas about Visitation and Health Persons, realized all Senior Men's Club members - in some way - are VHP's.

For example, when we:

- Make a telephone call to someone somewhere -
 - Give something useful away -
- Share small talk with our neighbors -
 - Give a friendly look or nod to anyone -
- Let pleasant voices come out of our mouths -
 - Speak to explicate, not to criticize -
- Let our eyes see good in others -
 - Are willing to take time to listen -
- Open the window of a closed mind -
 - Unexpectedly volunteer and give a little more -
- Live like we want to be remembered -

DO YOU SEE YOURSELF ? CONGRATULATIONS fellow VHP's

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The technologists filled our homes with the future,
and left the repairs for today.

APPLICANTS GOLF LEAGUE - JOE STEELE, CHAIRMAN

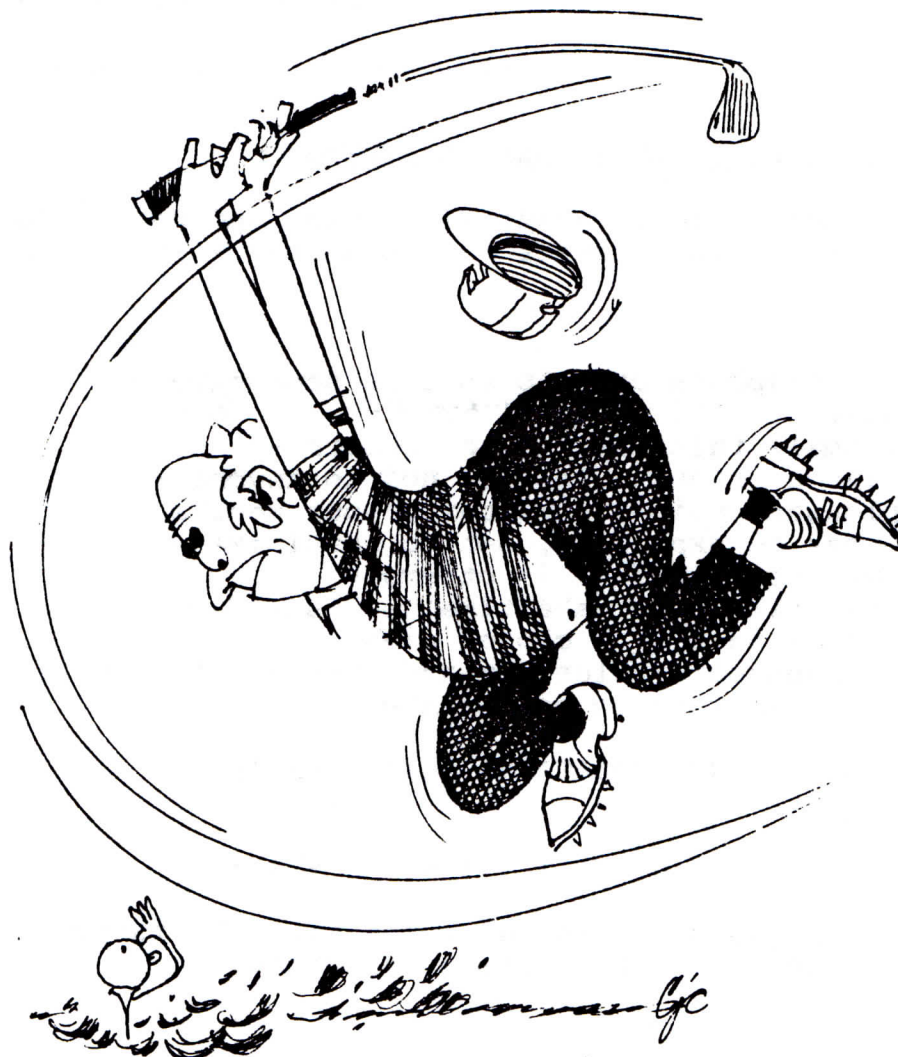
The weather was dry and almost too hot for good golfing.

Forty-seven out of a total of 98 rounds were under fifty. Ray Diver was closest to the pin at 10 feet, followed by Joe Chalmers at 19 feet. Bloyer, Lee, Diver and Tedesco had birdies. The only Eagle was by Murray Kennedy (take a bow Murray). The white shark, otherwise known as John Spomer, was low man twice at 40 and 41. Phil Bloyer was low man on the 13th at 42.

Other scores: 42 - Swartz, at 43 - Quinlan, Diver, at 44 - Horton, Bloyer, Spomer, Chalmers, G. Roberts, at 45 - Peters, Cypher, Zisson, G. Roberts, at 46 - Horton, Peters, Diver, DeGrande, Byington, Chalmers, at 47 - Hufnagle, G. Roberts, Obringer, Quinn, Lumpton, at 48 - Klein, Compton, Obringer, Chalmers, DeGrande, Swartz, Sprague, Byington, Hadley, Kennedy, at 49 - Kelleher (2), Quinn (2), Wendstrand, Steele, Quinlan, Horton, Mitchell, Obringer, DeGrande.

SENIOR MEN'S CLUB GOLF LEAGUE CONTINUES AT SPRINGDALE

For information about playing with your fellow members on Thursdays, call any member of the Golf Committee. (See your roster booklet.)



Reflections While Cleaning the Rouge

A beautiful sunny morning, a delightful day to tread the banks of this slim stream, to join with others in one small act, express a commitment to the cleansing of the Earth.

How pleasant moving through the trees, in hand a plastic trash bag. (Hallmark of a civilization?) Few birds make known their presence. The time of singing to decalre a range is past. The chores of feeding young consume their energies. Wild phlox abound. We thread through carefully.

Along the muddy shore, the tracks of raccoon mark the spot where catch was cleaned. How clean, you wonder, in that murky broth. (Yet water clear to eye may still be lethal in toxicity.)

Slow-moving water curls around a blockage: a fallen tree limb, a piece of 2 x 4, an old paint pail, a length of angle iron protruding from the river bed. There are no snails in sight to pace the movements of a stream reluctant to become a river.

Surprisingly there arises from the turbid flow a most unpleasant stench; here far above the discharge zone of factories, large sewer systems and runoff from herbicidal fields and lawns.

We search the banks and woods for paper, plastic and metal scraps. Find broken glass and wonder who the trashers were: a diligent workman, busy housewife, a passing motorist. Mayhap a thoughtless hiker. (Man makes his mark with little thought of consequences. "This one small piece can do no harm", ten thousand voices echo.)

Around the bend with joyous shouts and peals of laughter, the school contingent scours the land. A rampant few, waist deep in water, toss trash to eager hands on shore, free stoppages that impede the flow. We note the major logjams that await the hands of city workmen.

With destination now in sight, we feel the weight of bags grown heavy with assorted junk. Piled high they constitute a sizeable collection. We rest content with the accomplishment of one small deed of stewardship and revel in the company of like-minded citizens of the planet Earth.

Paul D. Carter

1988 ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE FOR APPLICANTS

<u>A THRU F</u>	<u>G THRU L</u>	<u>M THRU R</u>	<u>S THRU Z</u>
July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22
Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23
Sept. 30	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21
Oct. 28	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 18*

* There is no meeting November 25
 The Club does not meet in August.

Note: There are no meetings for Applicants in December

Special Birthday Greetings (90 and over)

Howard Hoffman, Life Member, who will be 91 years old on July 8.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

NEW MEMBERS

SPONSOR

LAMONT, GENE D. 865 Mohegan	6/88 B	646-1376 48008	Bob Massey
VASS, JOHN B. 5371 Forest Way	6/88 BH	626-7377 48013	Durand Brown

BECAME LIFE MEMBER: John C. Bickel, who joined in October, 1970
 Arthur W. Ackerman, who joined in November, 1975

TRANSFERRED TO ASSOCIATE MEMBER

THOMPSON, THOMAS E. 11/85
 The Terraces, Upper Meadow Ln.
 Shelburne, VT 05482

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Is there intelligent life on Mars? Of course!
 You don't see them spending billions of dollars to find out about us.