

# The Reminder

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## PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY, 1988 - WILLIAM HAWK, CHAIRMAN

- Feb. 5 Speaker: Bruce G. Madsen, Managing Director Traffic Improvement Association, Oakland County  
Subject: "Oakland County - A National Leader in Managing Traffic Losses"
- Feb. 12 Speaker: Dr. Patricia L. Pilling  
Subject: "Preserving Local History"
- Feb. 19 Speaker: Walter C. Herrmann, Jr.  
Subject: "How the U.S. General Accounting Office Works to Save Your Tax Dollars"
- Feb. 26 Speaker: Lawrence and Daryl Bensman, The Bensman Group  
Subject: "Long Term Care and You"

## MARCH PROGRAM CHAIRMAN - CARL F. SCHORN, CHAIRMAN

646-8515

- March 4 Speaker: Jack Schram  
Subject: "African Safari"

### DISCUSSION GROUP SUBJECTS

February Chairman is James K. Flack

- Feb. 5 "Civil War Trivia"  
Jack Clemons, Leader
- Feb. 12 "Lincoln's Last Day"  
James K. Flack, Leader
- Feb. 19 "Current Events"  
Bud Angevine, Leader
- Feb. 26 "The Persian Gulf"  
Mardy Polaner, Leader
- March 4 "Political Things You Might Not Know"  
Blaine Gordon, Leader

March Chairman is Bud Angevine

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, Feb. 9  
9:30 a.m. Executive Board  
2:00 p.m. Camera Group Page 7
- Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2:45 p.m.  
Investment Study Group Page 3
- Thursday, Feb. 4 and 18:  
Golf Dome. See Page 6
- Monday, March 14, Men's and  
Women's Bridge. See Page 3

**NEXT REMINDER DEADLINE IS  
FRIDAY, FEB. 26**

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## TIP FROM PRESIDENT

Paul Fitzpatrick urges your participation in committee activities -- and will consider any suggestion voiced through the officers-at-large -- even personal suggestions to him.

## TAX ASPECTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO SMC MEMORIAL FUND

(Special Report by Henry E. Dawkins, Corresponding Secretary)

The club is tax-exempt as a non-profit social club, but it is under Section 501 (C) (7) of the tax code. Only contributions to charitable organizations under Section 501 (C) (3) of the code are deductible. Therefore, contributions to the memorial fund are non-deductible for income tax purposes.

## FREE HELP WITH INCOME TAX RETURNS AVAILABLE THROUGH MARCH

Again this year the AARP and IRS have cooperated to train counselors who will help you fill out your 1987 income tax return without charge. Here are the times and locations in Birmingham:

At BASCC offices in Pierce School - every Tuesday from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM, and every Friday from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM. This schedule continues throughout February and March.

At Baldwin Public Library - Thursday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM through March.

Needless to say, you should bring along all pertinent receipts, bills, and last year's (1986) return.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS STILL AVOID FEBRUARY

Every month, we mention the birthdays of Associate Members - except in February, when not one of our Associates celebrates his birthday. During 1987 two active members became Associates. We quickly checked their birthdates but found that one had his birthday in October (Fred DeWitt) and the other in November (Newell McCuen). That concludes the excitement for February.

MARCH SPECIAL EVENT: MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BRIDGE - Jim Fonda and Kent Wonnell

Monday, March 14, at 12:00 Noon at the Community House -- lunch will be served, followed by party bridge. In order to have an opportunity to meet each other, each person will have a different partner at every round. Tickets at \$8.50 are available as you sign in, or from Tom Thompson.

Members, applicants, their wives and guests are invited.

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 14.

APRIL SPECIAL EVENT: Domino Farms, Ann Arbor - Tickets and other details will be available in March.

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COMMUNITY HOUSE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - CHICK HOLMES, SPECIAL PROJECTS CHAIRMAN

As of January 28, 1988, the Senior Men's Club total pledging/giving reached \$180,271.00. Members and the Club totaled \$166,341 and applicants have pledged/given \$13,930.00...**MAGNIFICENT!**

However, nearly 50% of our members still have not responded. Remember, please, that the total by the end of March is crucial if The House is to be eligible for the Kresge Challenge Grant of \$400,000.00. The short-fall remains at \$200,000.00.

If you need a pledge card, call or see me. Or drop your gift at the front desk. Make your pledge/gift out to The Community House Capital Campaign. Do it soon, please!!

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INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP - BOB LOTZ, CHAIRMAN

The next Investment Study Group meeting will be Wednesday, February 10, 1988, 2:45 PM, at The Community House. the guest speaker will be Ralph Seger, President of Seger-Elvekrog, Inc., Birmingham. The subject will be "Whither The Market Now" or market valuation before and after the crash.

The March meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, at The Community House. the meeting chairman will be Fred Osann and the guest speaker Tom Payne of Vestevich, Dritsas, McManus, Payne & Vlcko. The subject will be Wills, Estates and Trusts.

The Investment Study Group meetings are held in The Community House on the second Wednesday of each month from September through June. The meetings start at 2:45 PM and end at 4:15 PM. All members and applicants are invited.



### BOWLING - RAY COMPTON, CHAIRMAN

The Birmingham Bowl was sold last month and will be replaced by an office building. We will complete our current season at the Bowl. The 1988/89 season will start on September 11, 1988 at the

Strike and Spare Bowling Lanes  
4065 W. Maple (just east of Telegraph Road)  
Birmingham -- 644-8300

on our regular day and time, Mondays at 9:30 AM.

At the end of January, Team #2 was in first place, Bert Henderson, Lloyd Sturgeon, Bill Hassberger and Bill Johnson. They are just one point ahead of Bill Barr's team and two ahead of Les Swanson's team.

Last month's mystery game winners were Ed Barrett (1/4 and 1/11), Bob Pearce and Jack Trudell.

January scores were very good:

	<u>GAME</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
Ed Hoagland	235 & 201	598 & 556
Bert Henderson	224 & 213	613, 593, 551
Fran DeGrande	223 & 221	555, 515, 509
Jules Falke	212 & 201	554
Norm Bondy	208	531
John Strang	206	-
Ray Swartz	206	-
Jim Reeves	204	573, 528, 525
Bill Barr	201 & 201	555 & 508
Ray Compton	200	508

One of our most loyal subs, Jim Odom, with an average of 136 bowled 191, 175, and 169 for a 535 series. Very Good!

All members and applicants are welcome to bowl. Now would be a good time to join and establish a league average and be ready to bowl as a team member next fall at the Strike and Spare Lanes.

### VOLLEYBALL ANYONE? BASCC WILL TRY IT

The Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council (BASCC) is looking for interested volleyball players. Play is scheduled for Wednesdays at 2:30 in the Pierce Elementary School gymnasium. Your attendance on February 10 will help determine if volleyball will continue. For more information call Laura Craig at BASCC - 642-1040.

The death of a member is always sad, particularly to his close friends. The following is presented as a guide to members and callers of the "visitation and Health" committee.

The men who telephone you about our members are living voices. Though their work is sometimes hard and trying; it has its rewards.

It has been suggested that each caller consider the following format:

"Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ from the Senior Men's Club. Do you have a minute to talk with me now?"

If the answer is yes, name the person who is the reason for the message. Then ask, "Are you interested in knowing the details?" If the answer is no, thank the member for his time and hang up. If he wants to know more offer the following:

- The name of the funeral home
- Indicate the viewing days and hours
- Indicate the date, place and time of the funeral

Greet the caller as your friend who also needs a friend. He'll understand as you both share thoughts of one of us.

BRIDGE REPORT - ROY SNYPP, CHAIRMAN

There were 128 players in 4 sessions.



HIGH SCORES

Joe Smith	4810
Roy Hawkinson	3900
Phil Werner	3710
Joe Kern	3700
Howard Hoffman	3600
Bob Surridge	3580

HIGH AVERAGES

Bob Lotz	2660
Bob Surridge	2607
Don Murray	2420
Jules Falke	2300
Mary Hubbard	2290
Marcel DeSmet	2170

There were 3 small slams, ONE MYSTERY, 3 decks of cards missing January 29. Small reward offered.

Tuesday Bridge welcomes more players 9:30 AM at The Community House. Chairman, Ed Clarke, Vice Chairman, Roy Snypp for the Duplicate Players.

- Kent Wonnell 65% (1-29)
- Henry Bardsley Tie for 2nd
- Jim Brown Tie for 2nd
- Henry Orton

2 small slams

6 NT George Snider

6 H Bob Trees, Joe Rather



GOLF DOME PRACTICE - MARCEL DeSMET, CHAIRMAN

Golf Dome: 29601 John R, just north of 12 Mile Road  
 Time: From 9 to 11 AM

On January 7 we had 42 golfers and one pro.  
 On January 21 there were 57 golfers out for practice. No pro.  
 On February 4 there will be a pro in attendance.  
 On February 18 there will be practice only.

Golfing at the Dome is the first and third Thursday of each month through April 21, 1988.

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THE PROFESSOR'S REPORT

Paul Carter's contribution last month got crowded out of THE REMINDER so we are making up for it by publishing his latest observations which will take a bit more room. Writing from Venice, Florida, he sends us "Discoveries while driving south"....

- \* If you stay in "non-smoking" rooms you must furnish your own matches.
- \* A winnie bagel is not an ethnic motorhome.

His contribution omitted in January was:

"Nature abhors a vacuum  
 I've often heard it said  
 Which may explain those random thoughts  
 Entering my head.

--pdc

CAMERA GROUP - STAN SKAISTIS, CHAIRMAN

Recent tourists to China showed us pictures recording the country's phenomenal progress. On Tuesday, February 9 at 2:00 PM, Bud Angevine will take us back and show us where China came from with his presentation, "China before the Tourists Hordes".

All are invited. In April the group will attempt to straighten out the Alps.

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CLUB RECEIVES MEMORIAL GIFT FROM KERNAN ESTATE

In accordance with the will of Bill Kernan, who died March 3, 1987, administrators of his estate have sent \$5,000 to the Senior Men's Club, with the information that a similar amount will be sent us later this year. Bill's thoughtfulness in remembering the Club will be appreciated by all of our members, and especially by those who remember when he joined SMC in 1972. The bequest is being placed in our memorial fund.

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MORE COUPONS NEEDED FOR BASCC'S NEW CAMERA

Bob Watson is heartened by the number of Bill Knapp's coupons received but still needs 3000 more in order for BASCC to get their cherished 35 mm camera. He reports that February is double coupon month.

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IN MEMORY

FRANK W. REYNOLDS, Life Member, who joined the Club in 1973, died January 10. He was active among our bridge players until about a year ago, when he moved to St. Anne's Mead. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. Frank began his business career in radio broadcasting where at one time he was the producer of the Fibber McGee program. In 1938 he joined the Jam Handy Organization in Detroit as a production supervisor of training films. Later, he became Account Executive on Hoover, Whirlpool, Timken, and other accounts. He retired in 1971. A memorial service was held at First Presbyterian Church January 14. Interment was in Rochester, New York.

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>
Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29
Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26
Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 25
Apr. 1	Apr. 8	Apr. 15	Apr. 22
Apr. 29	May 6	May 13*	May. 27
June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
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 are no meetings on May 20 or November 25  
The Club does not meet in August.

Note: There are no meetings for Applicants in December

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES FOR FEBRUARY, 1988

Became Life Member: Howard French, who joined in January, 1978  
Thomas E. Daley, Associate Member who joined in July, 1968

Transferred to Associate Member: Blanchard, Ronald B. 10/85  
604 N. Hayford  
Lansing, MI 48912

Change of Address: MacLellan, John 2/79 355-4552  
27577 Lahser, Apt. 119 SO 48034

Resignation: Mark S. Young, Associate Member who joined in September, 1974  
Russell E. Shy, who joined in October, 1983

NEW MEMBERS

SPONSOR

HUGHES, RAY E. 17811 Beechwood	1/88 B	646-1798 48009	Willard Paul
PERKINS, THOMAS M. 169 Bassett Pl.	1/88 B	646-7455 48010	Fletcher Street
LOWMAN, JAMES P. 931 Ridgedale	1/88 B	646-6392 48008	Dick Sneed
NEMZEK, CLAUDE L. 7457 Deep Run, Apt. 1113	1/88 B	540-2393 48010	Tommy Thompson

Special Birthday Greetings: (over 90)  
Matt Cammarerie, Life Member who will be 92 on February 25, 1988

ROSTER CORRECTIONS or CHANGES

Pg. 9 (Investment Study Group) Add Publisher & Editor  
"Senior Investor", Murray Hayward  
Pg. 41 - Purvis, Scott: should be 6/87  
Pg. 29 - HOSMAN, PAUL S. 11/80 538-2432  
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