

# KEEPING UP WITH\*NEW MEMBERS

So you may know them better, *The Reminder* presents resumes of the most recently-inducted members

## **ROBERT E. WALDON**

**BACKGROUND** - Born and raised on Detroit's east side, he attended Denby High, then the University of Michigan where he earned a BBA degree in 1952. Served in the Army as a First Lieutenant in Korea, and joined the Ford Motor Company on his return. Worked for 32 years in Lincoln-Mercury and Edsel sales. Retired in February 1986.

**FAMILY** -- He and wife Allana have four boys. Affiliated with Nativity Episcopal church.

**HOBBIES** -- Photography, woodcraft, genealogy, bridge and poker.

**SPONSORS** -- Chick Holmes and the late Murray Hayward and Walter J. L. Ray.

## **EDWARD STOKEL**

**BACKGROUND** -- Born in Ohio. Came to Detroit to work with GMC Truck and Bus for 12 years before retiring in April 1986 as director of public transportation. Attended GMI in Flint, earned engineering degree from Worcester (Mass.) Polytech and an MBA from Michigan State. Served in Navy in World War II and Korea as Lieutenant on a Destroyer Escort.

**FAMILY** -- Married to Barbara Arnold of Flint. Five children and five grandchildren.

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## MARCH 1992

**PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: Carl Schorn**

**6** Speaker: Erma Gorman, Holocaust Survivor  
Subject: "Little Girl in Hiding"

**13** Musical Potpourri: Bob Meyer; Kathy Parker and Paul Thomas  
"Jekyll and Hyde Selections"

**20** Musical Program: Marian Siatczynski  
"Piano Artistry"

**27** Speaker: Fr. Ed Belczek, Pastor St. Thomas More Church  
Subject: "An Attitude of Gratitude"

**APRIL CHAIRMAN: Roy Edwards**

**3** Speaker: SMC Past President Blaine Gordon  
Subject: "The Economic Outlook"

**HOBBIES** -- Golf, bridge, fishing and traveling.

**SPONSORS** -- Fred Osann and John Leonard.

## **HARRISON ORTON**

If the club ever needs professional advice from a civil engineer, just ask new member Harrison (Harry) Orton.

A 1951 Civil Engineering graduate of the University of Detroit, he spent 38 years with Barton-Malow Company, general contractor.

Harry also had a three-year stint in the U.S. Navy, the last year as a carrier pilot aboard Essex class aircraft carrier CV-36 flying TBN Avenger torpedo bombers. President Bush flew the same type aircraft.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **GROUP**

**MARCH CHAIRMAN:  
BLAINE GORDON**

March 6-Stan Skaistis  
"Alsace"

March 13-Dick Sneed  
"Electric Cars"

March 20-Blaine Gordon  
"Ford-A Better Idea"

March 27-Carl Freeman  
"Costa Rica"

**APRIL CHAIRMAN:  
PAUL FITZPATRICK**

April 3-Ed Hoagland  
"What Were You Doing  
In World War II?"



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## KEN BERTSCHEY IS NEW LEADER IN STOCK GAME

Ken's Portfolio Jumped Nearly \$7,500  
in January to \$13,348  
Don Rader in Second Place at \$130,348

For the fourth consecutive month we have a different leader in the Stock Game --- Ken Bertschey. Ken's portfolio jumped nearly \$7,500 in January, increasing his original portfolio of \$100,000 to a whopping \$130,348. Don Rader also showed a substantial gain and is now in second place with a portfolio valued at \$125,922.

Our March meeting is targeted at the women in our lives and will feature an outstanding female Financial Planning Consultant who is the President and partner of the Center for Financial Planning, Inc., located in Southfield. Her name is Mrs. Marilyn Gunther. Her presentation is "After I'm Gone --- Don't Leave Her Guessing." Topics she will cover are recordkeeping, trusts, advisors, insurance, health records, investments, cash flow, and any other related subjects that you or your spouse care to have explained.

Let's make this a "Ladies' Day" -- you asked for it -- and who knows? There might even be a fragrant door prize for one of our gals.

See you at The Community House on Wednesday, March 11 at 2:45.

RICH KNUDSEN

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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|--------------|---|
| Mar. 10      | Executive Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.   |
| Mar. 11      | Investment Study Meeting 2:45 p.m.  |
| Mar. 12 & 26 | Golf at the Golf Dome on John R north of 12 Mile Road - 9 a.m.  |
| Mar. 17      | Camera Group Meeting 1 p.m.   |
| Mar. 18      | Computer Group Meeting 2:30 p.m.  |
| Mar. 24      | <u>SPECIAL EVENT</u> : "Present Laughter," a comedy presented by the Village Players at 8 p.m. Afterglow following the performance. |

BRIDGE Tuesday at 9 a.m. and Fridays after lunch

BOWLING Every Monday at Thunderbird Lanes. 9 a.m.

**ALL EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE**

**UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED**

THE REMINDER DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAR. 22, 1992



## Herb Lugers Leads the Pack

Contract bridge: Top ten averages for reporting period Jan. 21-Feb. 14, 1992 for players who played at least three times:

3133	Herb Lugers
2805	Carl Schorn
2525	Bob Lotz
2428	Larry Van Tuyl
2420	Bert Van Kempen
2353	Bert Henderson
2287	Hockey Melikian
2272	Bill Hanlon
2173	Don McNair
2130	Marty Hubbard

Three small slams of:

6 spades by Bert Van Kempen and Herb Lugers; 6 clubs by Bob Lotz and Marty Hubbard; 6 no trump by Jack Frailey and Larry Van Tuyl.

Duplicate bridge: The high scorers for the reporting period Jan. 21-Feb. 14:

71.2%	Harry Cyphers
69.8%	John Marshall
66.3%	Harry Orton and Irwin Peterson
60.0%	Jim Gorman

One grand slam of 7 no trump-diamonds was won by Len Terry and Jim Johnson.

There were billions and billions of small slams -- too numerous to mention.

**DON WAGNER AND DON MCNAIR**

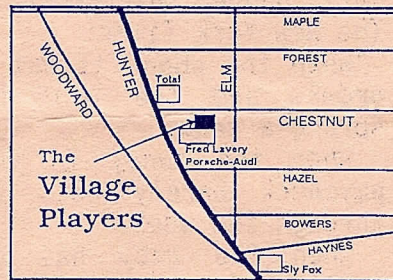
## "Present Laughter" Theatre Party March 24

Noel Coward's "Present Laughter," a play replete with his typical repartee and wit, will be the centerpiece of a Theater Party for which BASCC and the Senior Men's Club are joining forces.

It's scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, at the Village Players, assuring an excellent production.

Tickets at \$9.50 each will be on sale at the Senior Men's Club meetings. All members, applicants, wives and guests are cordially invited. The price includes an afterglow following the performance. Come join the fun, get to know more members, applicants and their wives.

Curtain will rise promptly at 8 p.m. If you are a little "fuzzy" about the location of The Village Players in Birmingham, see the map below. Parking is free at lots next to the theater and across the street.



### WHERE WE ARE...

The theatre is located in Birmingham at the south-east corner of Chestnut and Hunter Blvd. -- two blocks south of Maple Rd.

## Afternoon of Art Tour Is April Special Event!

*The Art of 19th Century Europe*, this year's Afternoon of Art tour, features the Detroit Institute of Arts' elegant 19th century galleries that were inaugurated in Fall, 1990. The galleries feature masterpieces of painting, sculpture, ceramic, metalwork and furniture that reveal the major developments in European art from the time of the French Revolution to the early years of the 1900s. From the early 19th century heroic battle portrait of Murat, Napoleon's general, to the late century work of van Gogh and Rodin, the works visually trace the profound changes in both the social structure and artistic trends that lead into the modernism of the 20th century. The docent-guided tour will feature some of the most well-known and best-loved works from the DIA collections.

This year the Afternoon of Art program will be Wednesday, April 29, 1992. Lunch will be served at 12:00 in La Palette, the museum's dining room. The price for lunch and tour is \$10.00 per person. Price includes Michigan sales tax and gratuity.

Tickets will be available April 2, 10, 17 and 24. Members and applicants are welcomed.

**RICHARD B. SNEED**

I had a dream the other night that every volunteer in this country, disillusioned by the lack of compassion, had set sail for another country.

As I stood smiling on the pier, I shouted, "Good-bye, creamed chicken. Good-bye, phone committees. So long, Disease-of-the-Month. No more saving old egg cartons. No more getting out the vote. Au revoir, playground duty, bake sales and 3 hour meetings."

As the boat got smaller and they could no longer hear my shouts, I reflected, "Serves them right. A bunch of 'yes' people. All they had to do was to put their tongue firmly against the roof of their mouth and make an O sound. N-nnnoooo. Nnnoooo. Nnoo No! No! It would certainly have spared them a lot of grief. Oh well, who needs them?"

The hospital was quiet when I passed it. Rooms were void of books, flowers and voices. The children's wing held no clowns, no laughter. The reception desk was vacant.



## 1992 Annual Fund Drive To Begin

Just a reminder that The Community House Annual Fund Drive will begin around the middle of March. Dave Sayler and Chick Holmes will be looking for volunteers to help with the mailing, so please keep some time in March open on your calendars to help us.

Also, please try to increase your 1992 donation by 10%. Remember how important this House is to our Senior Men's Club!

## Invaluable Volunteers

By Erma Bombeck  
(Submitted by Chick Holmes)

The Home for the Aged was like a tomb. The blind listened for a voice that never came. The infirm were imprisoned by wheels on a chair that never moved. Food grew cold on trays that would never reach the mouths of the hungry.

All the social agencies had closed their doors, unable to implement their programs of scouting, recreation, drug control, Big Sisters, Big Brothers, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., the retarded, the crippled, the lonely and the abandoned.

The health agencies had a sign in the window, "Cures for cancer, muscular dystrophy, birth defects, multiple sclerosis, emphysema, sickle cell anemia, kidney disorders, heart diseases, etc. have been canceled because of lack of interest."

The schools were strangely quiet with no field trips, no volunteer aids on the playground or in the classrooms ... as were the colleges where scholarships and financial support were no more.

The flowers on church altars withered and died. Children in day nurseries lifted their arms but there was no one to hold them in love. Alcoholics cried out in despair, but no one answered and the poor had no recourse for health care or legal aid.

But the saddest part of the journey was the symphony hall which was dark and would remain that way. So were the museums that had been built and stocked by volunteers with the art treasures of our times.

I fought in my sleep to regain a glimpse of the ship of volunteers just one more time. It was to be my last glimpse of civilization ... as we were meant to be.

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### BLAME THE JAPANESE

George Dawson, Emeritus Professor of Economics at Empire State College of the State University of New York, penned this prose for The New York Times:

"When the phone is out of order, and the roof has sprung a leak,

When the money in your paycheck barely gets you through the week,

When the baby has the colic, and your dog is full of fleas, Don't complain to Washington-just blame the Japanese.

When the crooks are running rampant, and the judges are too lax,

When letters from the IRS demand some extra tax,

When your son is quitting college, and your daughter's getting 'D's,

Just do what Iacocca does-and curse the Japanese.

When your taxes keep on rising, while your bankbook starts to shrink,

When pollution clouds your city, so the air begins to stink,

When the temperature is falling, and your pipes are sure to freeze,

Call upon your Congressman to bash the Japanese.

When everyone around you is complaining of the news,

And some condemn the Arabs while others blast the Jews,

Stiffen up your lip, my son, and never bend your knees,

Just be a true American, and blame the Japanese."

New York Times(1/28/92)

Submitted by Henry Schlachter

## Good Start for Second Half of Bowling Season

The competition is building up to determine which team will challenge the winners of the first half of the season.

At the halfway point, six teams are within three points of the leaders, and the lead has been changing almost every week.

High and low average bowlers have been winning points for their teams.

High games and high series bowlers were Don Upward, with games of 203, 207, 232 and a league-leading series of 607; Dick Harper, 214 and 515, 584; Jim Reeves, 203 and 512, 521; Norris Wetters, 211 and 512, 534; Howard Pridmore, 203 and 502. Fran DeGrande had a 207 game, Harry Deem a 207, Bob Babcock a 205.

Other 500 or better series were rolled by Art Byington, 536, 519; Ray Swartz, 531, 502; Les Swanson, 530; Bert Henderson, 519; Virgil Smith, 519; Jack Trudell, 514, 509; Ed Hoagland, 507, 524; John Strang, 512.

Highest over average: Don Upward, 154 pins; Jack Frailey, 104; John Strang, 80; Dick Beaubien, 75.

Mystery games were won by Ed Barrett, Jim Odom, Jules Falke, and Fran DeGrande.

Roll-off bowling will be April 6, with championship match and doubles competition on the last day of bowling, April 13.

Awards and cash payment for team points will be distributed, and plans for next season's bowling will be discussed. Tickets can be purchased from Tom Bedford, Fran DeGrande, and for those with \$100 bills, see Ray Swartz.

**TOM BEDFORD**  
VICE CHAIRMAN



## CAMERA CLUB MEETS ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

*Dennis Cox  
To Present  
China Photos*

The Camera Club's March speaker will be Dennis Cox, director of "China Photo Workshop Tours". Dennis has made nine photographic trips to China since 1976 and has two additional visits planned for this year. His China photos have been published in numerous prestigious magazines and corporate publications. He has taught photography at Henry Ford Community College and authored articles for various photographic magazines.

All members, applicants, wives and guests are invited to attend this outstanding presentation.

Tuesday, March 17, 2:00 p.m. at The Community House.

**H. JEAN BATTS**  
CHAIRMAN

"ATTENTION" all regulars, subs, applicants, and members. The bowling banquet will be on Thursday, April 30, at The Community House.

Cash bar at 6:15 p.m., dinner at 7:00. The price for the prime rib (select cut) dinner is \$16.00.

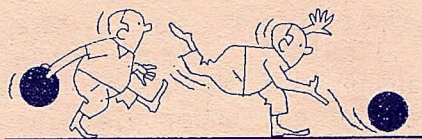
## It's Sign-Up Time for Golf Season

Have you signed up for a FOURSOME? There is plenty of room in the schedule on the bulletin board which you will find in the Ruth Shain room. If there are two of you who would like to play together, put your names on the foursome side and check the walk-ons. There may be someone there you know that you can ask to join you.

On March 6 when the starting times will be drawn, if you get an early time, there will be plenty wanting to join you. It isn't mandatory that you be there every week. There are plenty of walk-ons to fill in and you only pay when you play. If you draw an early time and prefer a later time, that is easy; the reverse is not so easy! The first day of play is generally around April 15, weather cooperating. Will advise as soon as I receive our contract from the Department of Parks and Recreation. Any questions call me at 646-3129.

**A. RAY SWARTZ**  
CHAIRMAN

GOLF DOME DATES: March 12th and 26th and possibly April 9th.



**THOMAS JEFFERSON'S BIRTHDAY**  
(April 13)

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**1992 ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE FOR APPLICANTS**

Jefferson could tell us that it is not on the dark streets of Washington that the dangers of Tyranny are lurking now, but rather behind the barricades of a faceless federal bureaucracy, so monstrously big that it threatens to transform our federal system of divided responsibilities into a huge monolith of raw, unlimited power.

In our Declaration of Independence Jefferson reminded us that our God-given liberty could be preserved only by a strictly limited government deriving its just power from the consent of the governed.

It follows logically that liberty calls for a legally limited and popularly controlled government, and that when the size of government swells, the rights of the people must shrink proportionately. Big government is for little people.

Our narrowly limited government was built upon the presupposition that the American people would stay big and morally strong. Only big, morally responsible people can long endure the blessings of liberty. When we are all vigilantly interested in the revived growth of personal responsibility, then our big, overgrown federal government will soon shrink down to its constitutional size. That will be the day.

**CLARENCE MANION**

*Contributed by Henry T. Schlachter*

<u>A - F</u>	<u>G - L</u>	<u>M - R</u>	<u>S - Z</u>
	Mar. 6	Mar. 13	Mar. 20
Mar. 27	Apr. 3	Apr. 17	Apr. 24
May 1	May 8	May 22	May 29
June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24
July 31	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18
Sept. 25	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16
Oct. 30	Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20

The Club does not meet April 10, May 15, Oct. 23, Nov. 27, or the month of August. Applicants cannot attend any December meetings.

**BECAME LIFE MEMBERS:**

W. Gerald Bartlam, who joined in Sept. 1981  
Raymond Agren, who joined in Feb. 1977

**NEW MEMBERS:**

BEYNON, CHARLES H. 1/92 646-8340  
1055 Wimbleton B 48009  
(Loujane)  
CHAMBLISS, C. Edward 2/92 540-4001  
1100 Timberlake Rd. BH 48302  
(Eleanor)  
Orton, Harrison 2/92 642-7812  
160 Larchlea B 48009  
(Eunice)

**SPONSOR**

Blaine Gordon  
Blaine Gordon  
Art Held

**DEATHS:**

L. L. Bud Angevine, Life Member, who joined in Nov. 1975  
Eldred R. Fish, Life Member, who joined in May 1968  
Robert N. Holm, who joined in Jan. 1986  
Robert M. Benson, Associate Member, who joined in July 1972

**HASSBERGER ELECTED --**

Member Bill Hassberger has been elected a Director of Catholic Social Services of Oakland County. Bill, who is president pro-tem of the Village of Beverly Hills, is a bemedalled infantry vet (Bronze Star, Purple Heart, et al.,) of the liberation of the Philippines from the Japanese in World War II. He served under Douglas MacArthur.

**RED HOT SPECIAL!!**

**Computer Group To Meet**

The Computer Group will meet on Wednesday, March 18, 2:30 p.m. at The Community House.