

The Reminder

October 2002

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

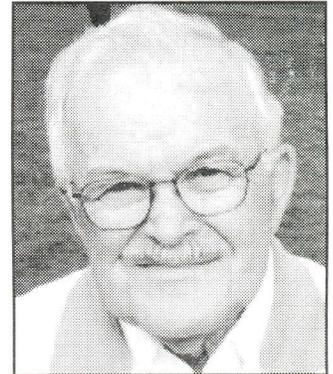


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First Annual Ray Swartz Golf Outing

On September 10, the Senior Men's Club had its annual golf outing at the Stonycroft Hills Club. To honor Ray Swartz, who will be moving to Ohio in the near future, and who has been the chairman of the Thursday Golf League for 22 years and Games Chairman for 12 years, this event will be called "The Ray Swartz Annual Golf Outing" from this date forward. His leadership, skills, charm and



personality will be irreplaceable. Stonycroft and the SMC will miss him.

This year's outing was attended by 48 members who had wonderful weather to add enjoyment to their golf game on an excellent course. A gourmet lunch was served, prizes were awarded and the Stonycroft members, as usual, extended the warmth and hospitality of their facility. The Stonycroft Hills Club, through the years, has always fulfilled the Men's Club's desire for a great golf outing. May we enjoy many more in the future.

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OCTOBER PROGRAMS

OCTOBER CHAIRMAN: Bob Gualdoni

- 4 Gene Batts Senior Men's Club Member
"The Founders Reliance on God in the Formation of Our Government"
- 10¹¹ Robert Levine, Ph.D. Director, Wm. Gossett Neurology Labs, Ford Hospital
"Complementary and Alternative Medicine"
- 17¹⁸ NO MEETING
- 25 Joe Knollenberg U.S. Congressman
"Washington Update"

OCTOBER DISCUSSIONS

OCTOBER CHAIRMAN: Irvin Poston

- 4 Don Clark, Ed Hoagland, John Spomer Senior Men's Club Members
"Effects of the New Technology on the Game of Golf"
- 10 Stuart Shuster GM Design Center Consultant
"The World's Greatest Hobby: Model Trains"
- 17 NO MEETING
- 25 Ronald Gries Retired Engineer turned Author
"A Journey of Caregiving, Dying and Healing"

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings for Life Members and Active Members 85 or older:

Joe Kern, life member, will be 87 on October 3
Howard Chapman will be 85 on October 4
Charles Morse, life member, will be 87 on October 11
Omer Petti, life member, will be 86 on October 13
Dave Zimmer will be 85 on October 16
Carl Schorn, life member, will be 95 on October 17
Glenn Griffin will be 89 on October 18
Bert Swanson will be 85 on October 18
George Fraumann, life member, will be 89 on October 29

Leave of Absence:

Murray W. Binkley
Walter J. Williams
Clayton H. Gordon
William J. Pfeifer
William F. Mennick
Oliver A. Green
Ben C. Nygard

New Applicants:

Donald J. Buchanan, (Barbara), 6681 Woodbank Drive, Bloomfield Hills, 48301, (248) 626-1468
Sponsor: Donald Cox
Jeffrey D. Ballard, (Ruth Ann), 6744 Wysall Road, Bloomfield Hills, 48301, (248) 855-9683
Sponsor: Jim Haidle
Jarold L. Peck, (Diane), 1346 Henrietta, Birmingham, 48009, (248) 647-3681
Sponsor: George A. Miller

New Members:

Bernard Eisenstein, (Phyllis), 624 Park Street, Birmingham, 48009-3424, (248) 258-5718
Sponsor: Robert N. Elliott
William B. Saunders, (Sally), 19944 Old Pond Court, Beverly Hills, 48025-2910, (248) 644-5228, Brad4155@aol.com
Sponsor: James R. Fonda
Robert F. Stoner, (Pat), 3173 Tuckahoe Road, Bloomfield Hills, 48301-2447, (248) 647-2763, BobStoner@msn.com
Sponsor: C. Arnold Carlson
John K. Cotton, (Lois), 607 Southfield Road, Birmingham, 48009-3737, (248) 203-0647, Cotton326@aol.com
Sponsor: Paul Coffman (deceased)
Joseph J. Gerber, (Peg), 6135 Thorncrest Drive, Bloomfield Hills, 48301-1706, (248) 642-3257
Sponsor: Donald McNair
J. Bruce McCristal, (Sheryl), 1019 Hampshire Drive, Bloomfield Hills, 48302-2406, (248) 642-3689, jbrucemsu@aol.com
Sponsor: Alvie L. Smith

Birthdays of Associate Members and Members on Leave of Absence:

Fran Cogsdill, associate, will be 82 on October 3
Dick Lyhle, will be 83 on October 4
Walter Williams, will be 84 on October 5
Dick Glass, associate, will be 69 on October 8
Alva Wood, associate, will be 71 on October 13

Deaths:

Dennis E. Sante, life member, joined February 4, 1983

Life Member:

William J. Hunter, joined April 5, 1991
James T. Porter, joined June 5, 1987

Change of Address:

William V. George, 6257 Telegraph Road, #230,
Bloomfield Hills, MI, 48301-1659

—Bill Peschel and Jim D'Allemand

Second September Double Header for Golden Oldies



Bill Reilly with Bill Hunter

Duplicating last September's double header, the Senior Men's Club recently inducted two members to Life Membership, the most prestigious level of the SMC.

Bill Hunter worked with his brother in their father's business selling speciality items to construction contractors. He became a "golden oldie" at the September 13th meeting. During World War II, Bill flew 35 missions over



Bill Reilly with Zac Endress

Germany with the "Mighty" 8th Air Force. He was discharged in September 1945 and on June 22, 1946, he married Helen Curtis. They have three children.

Zac Endress was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania. He graduated from St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania and spent four years at Georgetown Medical School in Washington, D.C. After a three year residency in radiology at Henry Ford Hospital, Zac engaged in the practice of radiology at Pontiac General and Pontiac State Hospital in addition to offices outside the hospital. He spent two years in the U.S. Army. Zac has five children and 11 grandchildren. Congratulations to both gentlemen!

—Bill Reilly

My health is good, it's my age that's bad.

—Roy Acuff

I stay away from natural foods. At my age I need all the preservatives I can get.

—George Burns

Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been.

—Mark Twain

I'm at an age where my back goes out more than I do.

—Phyllis Diller

He's so old his social security number is two digits.

—Brian Morgan

The best contraceptive for old people is nudity.

—Phyllis Diller

The Village and the Jug

This SMC project needs you! It would be great to report that we have met our goal of \$6500 for the kids at OCCV, but as of press time, we have not met our goal. The "amazing jug" has not had a chance to work its miracles yet.

We wish that all members and applicants could have seen the video presentation by Greg Alessi, the Special Projects Coordinator for the Village. This tape highlighted the special efforts by the staff in counseling, mentoring and encouragement. These efforts are key to the mission of salvaging the lives of the residents at the Village.

These children, from infancy to age 18, have come from broken homes or abusive or derelict parents and some of them have run afoul of the law. But the staff at the Village is doing everything possible to assure that these kids have a chance to straighten out their lives and to become productive citizens.

Our contributions make a significant addition to the quality of life at the Village and improve the chances for success in saving these kids.

If you were unable to be with us on September 27 when the "amazing jug" was passed around or forgot your checkbook on that day, please consider writing a generous check to The Oakland County Children's Village and mail it to: Phil Werner, 6810 Ornoco Circle, Bloomfield Hills, MI, 48301.

Your donation is completely tax deductible and you will feel really great! Thank you for your support!

—Phil Werner

Monday-Thursday Golf

The Senior Men's Club Golf Banquet will be held October 22, 2002 at The Community



House at 6 PM. A cash bar will be available and dinner will be served at 6:45 PM. The cost per person is \$25. Prizes will be awarded after dinner. If you have not played at least three times this year, the cost of the banquet will be \$35.

There is still plenty of good weather left to enjoy your golf game at Springdale every Thursday. All golfers are welcome, so please join us. Golf will continue until inclement weather arrives.

—Bill Reilly

Bowling Report

Keglers begin a new season at the "Thunderbird."

On September 9, fourteen teams opened the season with 51 bowlers in attendance.

Each of the teams are now identified with team names, and the following two teams share first place after two weeks of bowling (each with 14 points). They are:

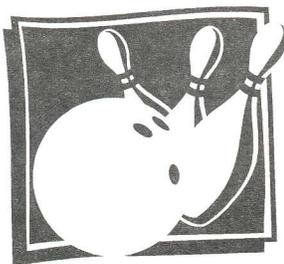
"Sandbaggers"—Bob Klein, Sherwin Vine, Gerry Heller and Fran DeGrande.

"Sleepers"—Frank Garland, Bill Denyes, John Wargelin and Frank Cancro.

One of our new bowlers started the season with a very low average due to the fact that he had never bowled a game in his life. I'm happy to report in his 4th game, he bowled a 153 and his average after six games is now 114. Kudos to Dave Dinger for this outstanding achievement.

New bowlers are always welcome and anyone willing to participate as a substitute or regular bowler, please contact Dennis Kozak at (248) 644-8934.

—D.J. Kozak



Upcoming Special Events

OCTOBER 2, 2002

STRATFORD FESTIVAL, "KING LEAR" WITH PICNIC LUNCH.

NOVEMBER 7, 2002

GEM THEATER "SHEAR MADNESS" PLAY WITH LUNCH AT THE CENTURY CLUB.

DECEMBER 11, 2002

ANNUAL SMC CHRISTMAS PARTY

JANUARY 16, 2003

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

Details to follow in future issues of The Reminder.

—Roger Struck

Camera Group

The Camera Group will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at 2 PM at The Community House. Senior Men's Club member Will Braisted will show slides of a recent France River Cruise on the Rhone and Saone rivers. Highlights cover the vineyards of Burgandy, the province of Arles, and the French Alps.

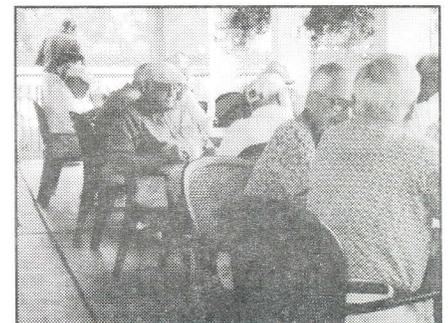
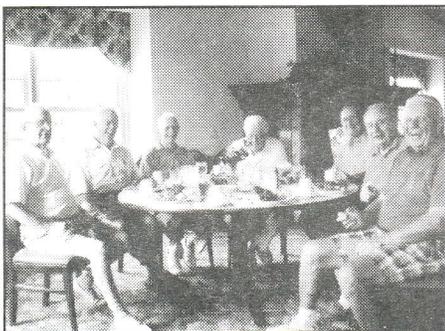
—Bill Gridley

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Golf Outing

The winning team was number 4 and consisted of John Kary, Bob Blank, Joe Maertens, Ed Butler, Bob Lendt, Brad Ballard and John Caldwell. Closest to the pin was Jack Saylor.

Last but not least Fran DeGrande did a tremendous job in helping to organize this event as did Ben Smith and Ted Olsen representing Stonycroft.



Shear Madness



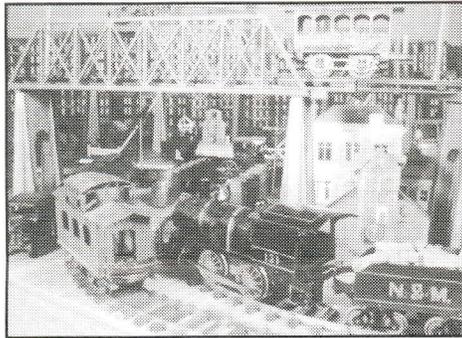
America's longest-running comedy, returns to the Gem Theatre for an open-ended run. The play begins as an eccentric concert pianist Isabel Czerny is mysteriously murdered in her apartment above the Shear Madness Unisex Salon. Whodunit? The salon staff and patrons are all suspects, and it's up to the audience to solve the crime.

In addition, the sleuths from the Senior Men's Club will be there for a 2 PM matinee on Thursday, November 7. The show will be preceded by lunch in the adjoining Century Club restaurant. Tickets are \$45 and will go on sale, Friday, October 4. Included are the show, lunch and deluxe motorcoach. Any questions, call Maury Allen (248)626-5326.

—Gene Jacoby
—Maury Allen

Did You Have a Model Train?

A special presentation with videos and an operating display of pre-war and antique model trains will be featured at the October 11 meeting of the Discussion Group. Stop by after lunch to see the

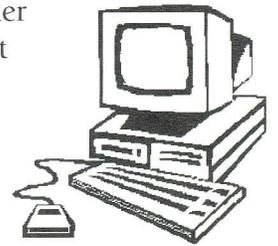


trains, even if you can't stay for the presentation. Stuart Shuster, a model train buff who has a house full of trains, will give the presentation. His various layouts have been featured in Kalmbach Publications and videos by Thomas McComas. He will include a 1902 Carlisle & Finch and a 1939 pre-war Lionel in his discussion, and will invite others to tell about their childhood memories and current interests in model railroading.

—Irv Poston

Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet at The Community House on Wednesday, October 23 at 2:30 PM. The speaker will be Henry Nabors and his topic will be "Voice Recognition." Come learn the state of the art in speaking politely to your computer.



—Chuck Kirkpatrick

Investment Study Group

Jim Collins of Morgan Stanley will speak to our group on Wednesday, October 9 at 2:45 PM at The Community House. His subject will be "Exchange Traded Funds (ETF)." If you say you have never heard of them or you don't know how they work, then you better plan on attending.

—Bill Johnson

My wife never lies about her age. She just tells everyone she's as old as I am. Then she lies about my age.

—Robert Orben

The secret to longevity is to keep breathing.

—Sophie Tucker

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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; William H. Crabtree, parliamentarian; Robert Bannon and Don Cox, officers at large.

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

Attention All Applicants

Although attendance at the Friday meetings during the months of October, November and December 2002 will not count toward the THREE MEETING REQUIREMENT for the year, applicants are welcome to attend any meeting they find of particular interest for these months.

Applicant dues are \$20 and now payable with the deadline of January 1, 2003. If you plan to be away this winter, please pay prior to your departure. Now is a good time while you think of it. You may pay at Friday meetings or send to the Senior Men's Club, The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, MI, 48009.

The Annual Fund Drive for The Community House is in progress and applicants are encouraged to support this effort. You can make a difference in supporting the many benefits provided by The Community House. Please consider your gift and return the card you received along with your check to The Community House.

An applicant orientation meeting is planned for Tuesday, October 22 at 2:30 PM at The Community House. New applicants will be notified by mail. All others and their sponsors who have not attended a meeting are welcome to attend. Those interested in attending may call John Flintosh at (248) 626-0910 prior to October 16.

—Gordon Miller

Bridge Report

Contract averaged eight players. High scorers were: Steve Vandebrook, 4060; Carl Schorn, 2670; Chris Davenport, 2540; and Dick Suminski, 2480. There were no slams.



Duplicate averaged 33 players. High scorers were: Kirby Callam, 67% and 65%, and Bruce Smiley, 62%. There were 14 small slams.

We still need new blood...in other words, both Contract and Duplicate want to increase their number of players.

—Zack Endress & Don McNair

Attendance Alert!

Time is dwindling for you to get your "10" in this year. New members must attend the equivalent of one meeting per month.

Any member coming in after 10:30 AM should give his name to a sergeant at arms who will then advise the Attendance Committee. Otherwise credit for attending cannot be given.

—Brad Ballard

Handbook and Directory

The 2003 SMC member handbook and applicant directory will go to press November 22. Please review your listing and let us know if there are any changes that need to be made. Don't forget your wife's nickname and your Email address. These publications are only as accurate as you make them. Send the information to the SMC Handbook Committee, c/o The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, MI, 48009.

—Bob Engel

Club Dates to Remember

Executive Board Meeting: 9:30 a.m. October 15, 2002.

Reminder Deadline: October 18, 2002.

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

Golf: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. at Springdale.

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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