

# Reminder

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



## FEBRUARY PROGRAM SPEAKERS

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: RICHARD T. LINDGREN

<b>2</b>	Speaker: Bernard LaBute Supervisor, MGM Grand-Detroit Casino
	Subject: "The gaming industry in Detroit"
<b>9</b>	Speaker: Lennart Johansson President, STM Corporation (formerly Stirling Engine)
	Subject: "External combustion engine technology-the ideal source for distributed power generation"
<b>16</b>	Speaker: Dr. Robert Ubbelohde President, Finlandia University
	Subject: "The Finnish model and the "new" Finlandia University"
<b>23</b>	Speaker: John M. Leinonen Past President, Society of Automotive Engineers-International and Vice President, Automotive Business Development Exponent Corporation
	Subject: "A historical perspective and a forward view of automotive safety developments"
<b>Mar 2</b>	Speaker: To be announced Subject: To be announced

## DISCUSSION GROUP SPEAKERS

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: DON CLARK

<b>2</b>	Speaker: Tom Waffen, General Manager SOCRRA
	Topic: "Waste - a valuable resource"
<b>9</b>	Speaker: John Heiney, Executive Director, Downtown Birmingham Development Program
	Topic: "Present development and looking to the future"
<b>16</b>	Speaker: Jaap Delavie, SMCB Applicant
	Topic: "Crossing the Atlantic in a 32 ft. boat - both ways"
<b>23</b>	Speaker: Robert Fox, Assistant Director of Public Services
	Topic: "Parks and recreation and much more"
<b>Mar 2</b>	Speaker: To be announced Topic: To be announced

## Loyal Attendees

Congratulations to members Dick Harper, Bill Reilly and Jim O'Neil for attending all 42 Friday meetings last year. Ray Latovick was runner-up with 40. Special accolades to life members, George Atkinson, Virgil Smith and Ray Swartz for coming to all 42 meetings. Durand Brown, Henry Dawkins and Nate Mills came to 40.

-Brad Ballard

## Growth in Gaming

"Analysts expect Detroit's gaming market to approach \$1 billion this year, up 25 percent over 2000. Most industries can only dream about that kind of growth." --The Detroit News, January 9, 2001.

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham members and their guests are invited to see this surge in revenue Thursday, March 15 at the MGM Grand Detroit Casino. For only \$15 per person, which includes transportation and lunch, the SMC Special Events Committee has arranged a VIP tour of Detroit's first, largest and most financially successful casino.

The tour March 15 will depart at 9:30 AM from the First United Methodist Church parking lot at Maple Road and Pleasant Avenue with the charter motorcoach returning by 2:00 PM. The lunch is "all you can eat" featuring nine food court stations in the MGM Grand Buffet. Tickets will be available at our February 9 meeting.

"Casino fans spent more than \$700 million at Detroit's three temporary casinos last year. Adjusted gross revenues for Greektown, MGM Grand Detroit and MotorCity casinos totaled \$743 million..." --Detroit Free Press, January 12, 2001.

SMC members also will be dealing with this "dream" at their February 2 weekly gathering at The Community House. The speaker for that Friday program is Bernard LaBute, supervisor of special tours and motorcoach for MGM Grand Detroit. His subject will be "The Gaming Industry in Detroit."

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Special Birthday Greetings:

Clare Charron (life member) will be 95 on February 5.  
Joe Sackerson (life member) will be 86 on February 18.  
Ray Hughes would be 85 on February 29.

## Birthdays of Members on Leave of Absence:

Carrol Smeak on February 4.  
John Krygier will be 85 on February 4.  
Les Swanson on February 7.  
Dick Heldt on February 16.

## Associate Member Birthdays:

Bob Steere will be 85 on February 22.

## Deaths:

Peggy Petti, wife of Omer A. Petti.  
Dolly Allen, wife of Frank M. Allen.

## Address Change:

James Salrin, 2817 Vineyards Dr., Troy, 48098-6206, phone (248) 952-5354.  
Stanley Fiol, 64 Laurel Ave., #4, Tryon, NC, 28782.

## Leave of Absence:

Dr. Robert E. McKnight.

## New Applicants:

Richard H. Dills, (Carole), 3680 Estates Dr., Troy, 48084, 643-6318.  
Sponsor: Carver Wood.  
Frank P. Cancro, (Judy), 18382 Riverside Dr., Beverly Hills, 48025, 433-0255.  
Sponsor: Bob Engel.  
Donald A. Gocella, 234 Hadsell Dr., Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 334-9753.  
Sponsor: Arnie Carlson.  
John J. Conlon, (Mary Jane), 1206 Henrietta, Birmingham, 48009, 647-2595.  
Sponsor: Tom Nickelson.

## New Life Member:

Robert L. Boynton, who joined in January 1985.

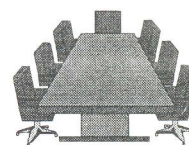
## New Members:

David Waring, (Frances), 4204 Sugargrove Ct., Troy, 48098, 643-8038.  
Sponsor: Harold Brown.  
Robert H. Davey, (Marilyn), 481 Cambridge Way, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 332-8016.  
Sponsor: Jim Crabb.  
Riggs S. Miller, (Jean), 2801 Palmerston, Troy, 48084, 646-4392.  
Sponsor: Don Clark.  
Curtis L. Lundy, (Patricia), 3130 Caswell Dr., Troy, 48084, 646-8735.  
Sponsor: Harold Brown.

-Bob Babcock and Jim D'Allemand

## Board Meeting

What is a Board Meeting? On the second Tuesday of every month, except



August, the Executive Board of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham holds its meeting. The Executive Board is comprised of all the current officers plus the Chairman of each committee and the past Presidents of the last five years.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the current status of the Club, envision the future of the club and resolve all problems as they are presented.

The agenda for each meeting is very flexible with the first half of the meeting structured to include the previous month's minutes, and reports from the treasurer, membership chairman, corresponding secretary and officers at large. The membership report is similar to the report printed in the monthly Reminder. The officers at large, John Horiszny and Russell Frye are the members conduit to the Executive Board. If a member has a question, problem or a desire to have an idea presented to the Board, John or Russ are the members to be contacted. If however, a member wishes to address the Board himself, he may contact the President of the Senior Men's Club and ask for time before the Board.

The remainder of the monthly agenda is comprised of all items that Board members have asked for time to discuss. Some items result in lengthy discussions while others are disposed of very expeditiously. The final item on the agenda is "Around the Table." This is an opportunity for each Board member to give his final thoughts on any topic that he feels the Board would be interested in. Then the meeting is adjourned.

*There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither one works.*

*Never miss a good chance to shut up.*

*Always drink upstream from the herd.*

## Bridge Report

Contract averaged seven players. High scorers were Jack Frailey, 3190; Carl Schorn, 2790; Russ McCarty, 2603; Chris Davenport, 2440; Henry Dawkins, 2287. There were no slams.

Duplicate averaged 28 players. High scorers were Jim Johnson, .71%, Jim Johnson, .63%; Jim Haidle, .62%, Jim Tedesco, .62%, Zack Endress, .58%. There were 16 small slams and two grand slams.

-Zack Endress & Don McNair

## Picnic Survey

At the request of the Special Events Committee, club members were surveyed last fall as to their opinions, likes and dislikes about the annual club picnic. The objective of the survey was to identify ways to improve interest in and attendance at the picnic.

Overall, the picnic received high marks from members, with 97% rating the picnic as either excellent or good. The individual elements of the picnic—location, activities and food—were all highly rated.

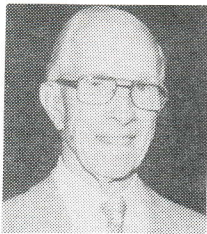
There were however, a number of suggestions, particularly focused on additional picnic activities. Some suggestions were a golf clinic, an additional discussion group (in the AM), and some form of auction conducted by a member.

Survey results were reviewed with the Executive Board and were provided to the Special Events committee for review and consideration.

-Dick Harper

## New Life Member

Latest life member is Robert Boynton, a Pontiac native and longtime Birmingham resident. His career was as a patent attorney. He joined the Senior Men's Club on January 8, 1985—his birthday. He was an active bowler with our league. Congratulations!



## Recount

On Monday, December 18, 2000, the first half Champion of the Senior Men's Bowling League was declared to be team #4 with Fran DeGrande as captain. They defeated team #1 with Bill Reilly as captain, by a mere ten pins on one mark. Immediately after the final game, team #1 protested the apparent loss to Captain DeGrande.

Captain Bill Reilly pointed out that Bob Klein's ball had a hanging chad, and Bill Peschel and Jack Corey's bowling balls had pregnant dimples. Needless to say team #4 took exception to this very apparent problem.

Unfortunately Captain DeGrande is in seclusion in Farmington Hills and his teammates Carl Neppach, Cliff Dean, and Dennis Kozak are unavailable for comment. League president Ray Latovick has ruled that President Carver Wood will determine the true winner at the first meeting in February. True bowling fans are hoping Carver rules for a rematch.

Remember every hanging strike or pregnant dimpled spare must be counted. There must be democracy and a true spirit of understanding for all the teams in the league.

-Champions Elect  
Team #1

## Golfers Note:

You can swing away at the Golf Dome on February 1 and 15, March 1 and 15 and April 5 and 19.



## Group Meetings

### Computer and Camera Group

The Computer and Camera Groups will hold a joint meeting at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, February 21, 2001 at The Community House. The topic will be "Building a Slide Show on your PC." Photos taken at an SMC meeting will be used to illustrate how a slide presentation can be made using the software that most PC's already have installed.

The Computer Group's March 21 meeting topic will be on genealogy and will be held at the Family History Center of the Church of the Latter Day Saints on North Woodward Ave.

-Dale J. Raar

### Investment Group

The speaker for February 14, 2001 will be Robert F. Sui, Senior Vice President, Merrill Lynch Corporation. His topic will be "Coping with today's volatile market." The meeting time is 2:45 PM.

-Tom Van Voorhis

### Applicant Activity

Revised requirements for applicant meeting attendance:

All Applicants will be required to attend three (3) regular Friday club meetings during the year 2001. In the absence of extenuating circumstances, failure to complete the requirement will be reported to the Executive Board with a recommendation such Applicant be moved, in order of seniority, back one year on the "Waiting List". This has been revised from the previous requirement of being moved to the bottom of the "Waiting List".

-Robert Gardner

## 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 2001 are: J. Carver Wood, Jr., president; Ernest Bergan, first vice president; Benjamin E. Ewing, second vice president; Richard N. Harper, Jr., recording secretary; John H. McLaughlin, corresponding secretary; Raymond Latovick, treasurer; William F. Minard, assistant treasurer; Russell B. Frye and John Horiszny, officers at large.

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

## Inauguration Day

Washington may have been more lavish and expensive, but we had a few inaugural events of our own.



Carver Wood is our new President. He has been active in SMC since joining in 1995. Best wishes for a busy and eventful year, Carver!



Carver accepts the gavel from Bill Reilly. Bill did an excellent job for us in 2000.



John Caldwell, Past President, presents outgoing President Reilly with a plaque in appreciation of his service.

There were no parades, no balls and the speeches were brief. SMC has an even better idea!

## Henry Ford Museum

The Special Events Committee has planned a trip to the Henry Ford Museum for Wednesday, February 14, 2001. Take a trouble free bus trip and forget about the cold and snow. The trip and the Museum admission charge are included in the \$21 price. Many fine exhibits and the IMAX Theater await you.

Buy your IMAX ticket at the box office when you arrive and then browse the Museum until showtime. Two different shows are available: CyberWorld and Michael Jordan. CyberWorld is a radical computer animated film produced in the 3D format. The combination of a six-story high screen and the three dimensional effect is far out in every way. The Michael Jordan film will be introduced in this theater in early February and thus is the newest of the films being shown. The show chronicles the life of this great athlete. The senior rate for either show is \$8.50.

There will be time to visit the Museum exhibits before and after the show. You can have lunch within the Museum at either of the restaurants; the Michigan Cafe or the Weinerville Cafe. Lunch is not included in the ticket price.

The bus will leave the parking lot of the First Methodist Church on West Maple in Birmingham at 9:30 AM. Our return will be about 4:00 PM.

-Tom McVetty  
Bob Bannon

## Bowling Report

The first half of the bowling season resulted in team #4 (Fran DeGrande, Cliff Dean, Carl Neppach and Dennis Kozak) winning the championship. Their margin of victory was 10 pins in the roll-off match with team #1 (Bill Reilly, Jack Cory, Bob Klein and Bill Peschel).

Phil Martz continues to lead all bowlers with a high average of 175, high single game of 253, and high series of 655.

Team #6 (Jack Cvengros, Tom Tabor, Ray Swartz and Bert Henderson) lead all other teams with a high 725 game and a high 2003 series.

-Dennis Kozak

*Life is what happens to you while you are making other plans.*

*Don't squat with your spurs on.*

## Other Club Dates To Remember

**Exec. Board:** 9:30 a.m. Feb. 13, 2001.

**Bowling:** Practice every Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. and League Play every Monday at 9:30 a.m. both at Thunderbird Lanes in Troy.

**Reminder Deadline:** February 16, 2001.

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

*All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.*

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