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NOVEMBER CHAIRMAN: PAUL FITZPATRICK

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Nov. 8	Dick Golze	"Gun Control"
Nov. 15	Paul Fitzpatrick	"Your Pet Peeves"
Nov. 22	Blaine Gordon	"Some Economic Issues"

DECEMBER CHAIRMAN: JAMES K. FLACK

Dec. 6	Gordon Robertson	"Why Was Your Career Successful?"
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KEEPING UP WITH THE SENIOR MEN

CAPITOL STUFF -- Once again Ben Root and his Special Events Committee hit the jackpot with the Oct. 16 trip to Lansing where a busload of Senior Men and guests got a firsthand look at what's being done to restore the Capitol building. In addition, they also got a pleasant surprise at the scope of the new State Museum and Library, and everyone also enjoyed a lunch at Tiffany's.

Next up: Another tour of Detroit, led by Frank Angelo. It's a sellout with a waiting list and is set for Wednesday, Nov. 13, with departure from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church parking lot at 9 a.m. Two other tours have drawn rave reviews.

DANCE TIME -- Thursday, Nov. 14, is the date of the next monthly dance at BASCC. It starts at 2 p.m., lasts till 4 p.m., and the cost is \$2 with single men and women encouraged to participate. Dance lessons are also available.

REMINDER REMINDERS - Don't forget that dues are due by Jan. 1. So if you're heading South, be sure to send that check first. Also time is running out if you haven't made 10 meetings for 1991 or haven't made necessary changes in your directory listing ... A review of the current plan for attendance by Applicants is scheduled for November by the Senior Men's board.



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Spomer Plans a Major Effort For Children's Village Funds

John Spomer is gearing up for a major fund-raising effort on behalf of the Oakland County Children's Village this year.

"This is the only charity collection of the year among Senior Men's Club members and applicants, and we want to make it a big one because the cause is right," said Spomer.

Date of the collection, when the traditional jug is passed around, is Friday, Nov. 22, but Spomer says he is prepared to accept cash and/or checks from those who may not be there.

You should know that the Children's Village plays an important role in handling abused and neglected children, with about 200 being housed on a normal day. The Village has a capacity to handle 213 young people.

All are wards of the Probate Court, and about 50% have drug-related

problems in their own or family histories. Their ages range from infant to 18, and the children live in eight separate buildings and are divided by age and sex.

They come from all areas of the county, including Southfield, Royal Oak, Birmingham, Hazel Park, Bloomfield Hills, Pontiac, Rochester, West Bloomfield, White Lake, and Avon Township, and they are of all races and creeds.

Last year, about 250 members and applicants contributed \$1,649. Spomer's goal is to exceed that total in an effort that is being dedicated to the memory of Member Art Newman who died in April 1991.

If you can't make it on Nov. 22, send your check to John Spomer or Bob Hadley, c/o The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, MI 48009.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 12 Senior Men's Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- Nov. 12 Camera Group Meeting 2 p.m.
- Nov. 13 Tour of Detroit, led by Frank Angelo, departs from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parking lot on Pierce between 14 Mile Road and Beverly Road 9 a.m.
- Nov. 13 Investment Study Group meeting 2:45 p.m.
- Dec. 11 Christmas Party. For details, see story on page 3

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, NOV. 22

INVESTMENT GROUP

Having learned about how best to invest their money at the October meeting, Investment Group members and guests will get a chance to make the most of their profits at the November 13 session.

Speaking on "Alternate Investments in Retirement," Dan Murphy suggested means to better insure success (profits) in selecting from among the myriad investment opportunities that abound today.

Now that we've learned more about Robert (Bob) Aginian, Senior Manager at Peat Marwick's Detroit office, will address the dual topics of "Helpful Hints on Preparing 1991 Taxes," and "How to Minimize Future Taxes."

Our thanks to Andy Spencer for arranging what should be an extremely interesting meeting.

All members, applicants, wives and friends are welcome. Remember Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 2:45 p.m. at The Community House.

Thirty-eight entries have been submitted in the Stock Game, and the results of the questionnaire have been compiled and will be presented by Dick Harper at the November meeting. See you there!

**RICH KNUDSEN
CHAIRMAN**



An Official Thank You!!

Let me extend an official thank you to BASCC, and especially to S. Walter Meyer, for the gracious hospitality extended to the Senior Men's Club bridge players on Oct. 15 and 18 while The Community House Our Town Art Exhibit tied up the usual space. BASCC's facilities and food were excellent.

HENRY DAWKINS
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

2 Senior Men In Art Show

More than 300 works of art occupied the space usually filled by Senior Men's Club activities at The Community House for three days beginning Friday, Oct. 18 ... and two club members were among artists represented.

Clem Cykowski, whose work has embellished The Reminder from time to time, was represented by two of his efforts .. "Author Unknown," an oil offered at \$2,000, and "Blithe Spirit," watercolor and acrylic, also priced at \$2,000. Clem has also had paintings in the show in previous years.

Tom Kilgour made a repeat appearance. In 1990 Kilgour showed an oil of a small Mexican village. This year his entry was "The Southpaw," an oil that was listed at \$800. Tom's wife Jane also won a place in the show with her oil entitled "Taxco" which was priced at \$1,500.

KEEPING UP WITH*NEW MEMBERS

So you may know them better, The Reminder presents:

There was a special touch of sadness when word came of the death of Roland C. Henning since it had been only a relatively few days before that he was inducted into membership in the Senior Men's Club.

The summary of his life, which The Reminder was about to run as an introduction, is presented as a memorial to someone whom we had looked forward to knowing better.

ROLAND C. HENNING

BACKGROUND: Born in Hollrood, Kansas, Nov. 29, 1919, and attended St. John's College in that state. Enlisted as private in U.S. Army in Oct. 1941; served in Central and South Pacific, and was discharged as Lt. Colonel in 1946. Moved to Birmingham when he joined Chrysler in 1962 as manager Chrysler Leasing Corp. Retired from Chrysler in 1975.

FAMILY: He and wife Dorothy have two children, Diana and Jeff, and 3 grandchildren. Are active members of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. He served two terms as president, six years as member of Board of Elders.

HOBBIES: Bridge, fishing and golf as a member at Stonycroft Hills Golf Club.

SPONSOR: Rich Knudsen



An impressive group from the Village Players will be featured at the Christmas Party

There'll be Music, Food, Fellowship at Dec. 11 Party

A special program appropriate for the upcoming holiday season is being organized by the Christmas Party Committee chaired by Phil Werner. *The Village Voices*, a talented singing and comedy group from the Birmingham Village Players, will be feature on stage at The Community House, under the direction of Priscilla Benson.

Yes, Santa Claus is coming to town, and the date is set for Wednesday, December 11. The cash bar will open at 6 p.m. Turkey dinner with all the "fixin's" will be served promptly at 7 p.m. The price is \$19.

As usual, you are welcome to make seating arrangements with your club friends, keeping in mind table sizes are limited to 12 and 16

people. Every effort will be made to satisfy your request.

Yes, applicants and their wives are welcome. Tickets will be sold in November and December to the extent they are still available. We anticipate a sellout as is usual with the Senior Men's Christmas parties, so get on the bandwagon and avoid the last-minute rush.

Duplicate Bridgers Get Full Share of Slams

An average of 24 people played rubber bridge during the three weeks included in the October reporting period.

High individual scorers were:

Jerry Bartlow	4380
Don McNair	3750
Lloyd Sturgeon	3460
Don Wagner	3430
Bill Hanlon	3350
Don McNair	3340
Carl Schorn	3270
Frank Hanson	3140
Frank Hanson	3110
Henry Dawkins	3020
Bert VanKampen	3020

High averages were:
Don McNair 3193

Frank Hanson	3020
Bert Van Kampen	3350
Don Murray	2697
Lloyd Sturgeon	2403
Dick Beaubien	2367
Julius Falke	2277

Slams were made by Larry Van Tuyl/Bob Lotz; Hockey Melikian/Bob Benz; Don Murray/Frank Hanson; Hockey Melikian/Baylor Sutton.

DUPLICATE

An average of 49 members and applicants played duplicate each Friday in October.

High percentage scorers were Zak Endress, 67.7%; Jim Fonda, 67.0%; Walt Meisner, 62.5%.

Sixteen slams were made during this three week period. Among the slammers were Jim Fonda, Phil Werner, Wilbur Woods, Tom Perkins (2), Gene Thom (3), Clare Charron, George Schubering (2), Ted Schmidt, George Snider, Henry Bardsley, Tom Dickson, Bud Stockmeyer, Jim Tedesco, Irwin Peterson (2), Dave McKenna, Wally

Templemeyer, Jim Crabb (2), Herb Christner, Zak Endress, Omer Petty, King Rhubs (?), Ed Clarke, Walt Meisner, Ben Root, Bob Smith, and Ed Chamblis.

PHIL WERNER
FOR DON WAGNER

Ed Hoagland Shows the Way With Low Score, Handicap

Eighty-nine golfers enjoyed a great three hours of Fellowship, Food, Drink and Prizes at the Golfers' Banquet Oct. 9, and the only losers were those who had a conflict of priorities and could not attend.

Winners of all flights received a plaque to display as a symbol of their skills. Second place finishers earned two sleeves of golf balls and third place one sleeve.

Low score for the year (33) and low handicap (8) went to Ed Hoagland. He plays where we all strive to be ... right down the middle of the fairway. May we all learn from you.

Closest to the hole on No. 6 was Harold Tweitmeyer. He will have to improve his direction. He was four inches to the side.

List of winners:

FIRST PLACE:

A flight Les Swanson 63
B Flight "Lefty" Bill
Isherwood 63
C Flight John Caldwell 58
D Flight Don Voelker 65

SECOND PLACE:

A Flight Joe Steele 66
B Flight Geo. Atkinson 66
C Flight Jim Gorman 63
D Flight Herb Lugers 72

THIRD PLACE:

A Flight Jim Cameron and
Ray Swartz-tie-68
B Flight Harry Cyphers 67
C Flight John Erwin 65
D Flight Frank Loria 73

The most Ardent Golfers were Marsden Hubbard and Herb Lugers. They were only absent once. It only proves it's never too cold, too hot, and it never, never rains on a golf course!

We are still playing on Thursdays at Lincoln Hills, so come on out and lose them in the leaves.

Again I want to thank my committee and each of the golfers for the help you have given, putting up with the glitches throughout the season, and to The Community House, the kitchen and to servers for helping to make the banquet the success it was.

A. RAY SWARTZ

Seven-Team First Place Tie Broken by Team No. One

October 14 was one of those very rare days in Senior Men's bowling history. Seven teams began the day tied for first place, which is half of the league's total.

When the last pin had fallen, Team No. 1 was in sole possession of first place with 11 points, and Team No. 8 was in second place at 10½ points after tying one game in its match with Team No. 11.

Another highlight of the Sept. 30-Oct. 14 period was a rare tie for the series high score between Teams No. 9 and No. 6. Each had a final 3-game count of 1709. They also had to split a point.

High scores for the three weeks were a 228 game and a 541 series by Ed Hoagland; Dick Rosenbaum with a 224

and 567; Les Swanson 215 and 526; Dick Harper 214 and 536.

Bob Babcock had a 202 and other bowlers with a 500 series or better were Art Byington 538, 515; Norris Wetters 508, 505; Bill Reilly 507, Jim Reeves 506, Tom Bedford 505, Jack Corey 505, Bob Klein 505.

Team No. 9 took over the lead in high series with 1887. Team No. 5 has best game of 682.

Mystery games were won by Bill Quinlan, Don Upward, and Virgil Smith.

With a 100% spot of the difference between team averages, a low average bowler doesn't have to bowl a 200 game or 500 series to win points for his team. Bowling his average or higher counts just as much.

Blaine Gordon, with the lowest average in the league, bowled 49 pins over his average and helped win four points for the first place No. 1 team.

Future reports will name bowlers who bowl highest over their averages.

Bob Hadley arranged for bowling lessons at North Hills Lanes in Rochester on Oct. 1. Nine bowlers attended, and instructor Bill Srock gave each individual advice on improving his game. Bob would like to know how many want to take or continue the lessons.

In the meantime, come out to bowl on Mondays at the Thunderbird. Free coffee is available early, and practice starts at 9:15.

TOM BEDFORD
VICE CHAIRMAN



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Sneed to Take Camera Fans "Down Under"

All who are interested in photography and/or travel have an opportunity to share a 28-day photographic visit to New Zealand by Dick Sneed, his camera, and a generous supply of Kodak Ektachrome.

Dick, who served as president of our Senior Men's Club in 1981, and his wife Libby planned their visit for the months of February and March to avoid Michigan's winter and to enjoy New Zealand's summer. Their flight from California to Auckland was non-stop. After taking a bus to Rotorura, they switched to rental cars to continue their complete coverage of both the East and West coasts of the North and South Islands of New Zealand, after which they proceeded on to visit Australia and the Fiji Islands.

Come and enjoy the New Zealand portion of this fabulous trip. Find out how they managed it all "Down Under," including being trapped for two days in a motel because of a really major mud slide on the Northwest coastal highway of the South island after a 27-inch rainfall in 24 hours.

Tuesday, Nov. 12 2 p.m.
At The Community House

All members, applicants, wives and guests are welcome.

**BOB HERMANN
CHAIRMAN**

ASSOCIATE MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Robert Schwab - Nov. 25

NEW MEMBERS

NAME	DATE	PHONE	SPONSOR
KLEIN, ROBERT J.	9/91	646-3261	Gene Sparrow
5166 Winlane Dr.	BH	48302	

DEATHS

Russell C. Davies, Life Member, who joined in Dec. 1958
Roland C. Henning, who joined in Sept. 1991

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Associate - Barber, Grant W.
3348 Scorecard Drive
New Port Richey, FL 34655

ATTENTION: ALL APPLICANTS

Twice a month attendance by applicants at regular meetings will continue until the end of November. In order to accommodate greater attendance, the applicants will be seated theater style for the meeting and will eat lunch at tables in the Ruth Shain or one of the other rooms. The new schedule is as follows:

A - L		M - Z	
Nov. 1		Nov. 8	
Nov. 15		Nov. 22	

Applicants are not invited for December meetings.

Words to Inspire: "And Then Some"

A retired business executive was once asked the secret of his success. He replied that it could be summed up in three words -- "and then some."

"I discovered at an early age," he declared, "that most of the difference between average people and top people could be explained in three words. The top people did what was expected of them -- and then some."

"They were thoughtful of others; they were considerate and kind -- and then some. They met their obligations and responsibilities fairly and squarely -- and then some. They were good friends and helpful neighbors -- and then some. They could be counted on in an emergency -- and then some."

"I am thankful for people like that, for they make the world more livable, for their spirit of service is summed up in three little words -- 'and then some'."

**CONTRIBUTED BY
HENRY T. SCHLACTER**