

The Reminder

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



MARCH 1999

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MARCH CHAIRMAN: CARL SCHORN

- 5** Kathy Parker and Debi Green direct Seaholm High Students in Musical Selections from "The WIZ"
Applicants invited A - E

- 12** Marian Siatczynski will give us a piano recital she calls "Piano Artistry"
Applicants invited F - L

- 19** NO MEETING
THE COMMUNITY HOUSE ANTIQUES SHOW

- 26** Speaker: Reverend Edward Belczak, St Thomas More
Subject: "The Pathway of Life"
Applicants invited M - R

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- 2** Speaker: General Thomas Cutler, Commander of Michigan Air National Guard
Subject: "Michigan Air National Guard in 2000"
Applicants invited A - E

Discussion Groups

MARCH CHAIRMAN: PHILLIP WERNER

- Mar. 5** Speaker: Dr. Sheela Morris, President of the University Group
Topic: "National Security and Globalization of U.S. Industry"
- Mar. 12** Inter-Club Dialogue with members of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe
Topic: "What Can We Do Better?"
- Mar. 19** NO MEETING
- Mar. 26** Speaker: Ben Ewing
Topic: "The War on Drugs, Another Vietnam"

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- Apr. 2** Speaker: Beverly Hannett-Price
Topic: "Literature for Leisure"

Major Changes In Meetings & Lunch Begin On March 5

On March 5, significant changes will officially begin in the conduct of weekly SMC meetings.

You'll see the business portion streamlined and shorn of a lot of details from about 50 minutes to 35 minutes.

Out of style will be the birthday activities and sports scores; plus significantly abbreviated reading of the minutes, introductions of new members and guests, returning members and committee reports.

Many of the items which are removed from the Friday meeting agenda will be posted on the Club's bulletin board.

Time saved will be given to speakers and the question-and-answer period, as well as lengthening the morning break.

With livened meetings, nodding off by members is expected to be reduced significantly.

Greater Variety for Lunches

You'll also see greater variety in the Friday luncheon fare.

Dick Hameister says the grand favorite tuna sandwich will be a choice for all meals as well as the tossed salad, but it will be spiced up with ham, cheese and croutons.

But with changes each quarter in the mix, members will be able to choose from several of the following: ham, ham salad, sliced roast turkey, egg salad and roast beef.

The second piece of good news is that the price will remain at \$5.

Group Meetings

Investment Study

Richard Agree, chairman and CEO of Agree Realty Corp., will speak to the Investment Study Group at its Mar. 10 meeting which starts at 2:45 p.m.

He will share his extensive 28-year experience in the real estate and Real Estate Investments Trusts (REITS), says George Miller.

Computer Group

The Computer Group will take another "Fast-Trac Tour" to the Oakland County Road Commission on Mar. 17, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

"Oakland County is on the cutting edge of research in efficiently moving traffic on our streets and roads," says Don Cox.

The Road Commission is located behind the Oakland County Farmer's Market on Pontiac Lake Rd. just west of Telegraph.

Camera Group

SMC's Bill Minard will take Camera Group members "way up North" to Sitka, Alaska at 2 p.m. on Mar. 9. He and his wife Barb have made this trip several times, by plane, boat and car, and his slide presentation will reflect these three perspectives. — Stan Skaistis.

"Fiddler On the Roof" Scheduled March 25

The ever-popular "Fiddler on the Roof" will be presented by the Village Players at a special performance Mar. 25, co-sponsored by SMC and BASCC. This delightful play will have you humming "If I Were a Rich Man," for days.

Tickets are on sale at the Community House each Friday, priced at \$13, two for \$25. There are no reserved seats, so members should get to the theater early.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. The recently-remodeled Village Players Theater is on the southeast corner of Chestnut St. and Woodward Ave.

Applicants to Hear About Non-Profits

Members looking for gratifying work to fill spare hours should attend the Mar. 23 meeting of the Applicant Activity, when Deanna McGraw, executive director of the Detroit Executive Service Corps (DESC), will be the speaker. The session begins at 2 p.m., says Gordon Miller, chairman.

The DESC is a group of 150 retired and active executives who offer management advice to non-profits in the Greater Detroit area and also a busy schedule of activities for students in Detroit public schools.

McGraw's speech is entitled, "Challenges for Non-Profits," but she also will be looking for volunteers to participate in the wide range of activities offered by the organization.

Optimist's View

A pessimist is a man who thinks all women are bad. An optimist is one who hopes they are.

Keep Up to Date!

Here are some tips for all SMC members from Brad Ballard:

- o Update your name card. Information on the reverse side could be critical in an emergency.

- o Notify the Club on any change of address, telephone number and/or wife's name. This will insure your receiving *The Reminder* and keeping the Club roster and directories up to date.

Club Capacity Raised 25

The membership limit for regular members of the SMC has been raised from 425 to 450, which means that a couple of dozen applicants will see the "promised land" of full membership sooner than expected. This expanded roster came after extensive study of 1998 attendance and with due consideration of safety factors.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings:

Baylor Sutton was 90 on Feb. 16.
Lloyd Miller, will be 91 on Mar. 8.

Bob Massey, will be 90 on Mar. 8.
Paul Fisher, will be 92 on Mar. 12.

Associate Member Birthdays:

James Hinkamp, on Mar. 18.

Clyde Simpson, on Mar. 19.

Became Life Member:

Edward Bush, who joined in Jan., 1989. Thomas Daly, who joined in Nov., 1987.

Deaths: E. Lou Goddard, on leave, who joined in Oct., 1995.

Took Leave of Absence: George Kurche.

New Members:

Bayekian, S. Peter, (Dena), 4385 Stonleigh Rd., Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 645-2673.
Sponsor: John O'Hara.

Case, Leo L., (Pat), 3045 Middleton Ct., Troy, 48084, 642-3035. Sponsor: Harold Brown.

Doll, Ferdinand A., (Carole), 7432 Cathedral Dr., Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 626-1540.
Sponsor: King Ruhly

Hartman, William J., (Ruth), 633 Madison, Birmingham, 48009, 646-7637. Sponsor: Paul Carter.

Kelly, William M., (Maryanna), 1405 Pilgrim Rd., Birmingham, 48009, 644-1324.
Sponsor: Jim Cameron.

Seng, Raymond M., (Carol), 16970 Birwood, Beverly Hills, 48025, 647-5949. Sponsor: Carl Freeman.

New Applicants:

Given, Gerald M., (Sharon), 1791 Huntingwood Lane, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 644-2112. Sponsor: Bill Minard.

Kellett, L., David, (Janet), 175 E. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 642-1183.
Sponsor: Kirby Callam.

Nelson, Robert H., (Catherine), 1438 Kensington, Bloomfield Hills, 48303, 540-4090.
Sponsor: Jack Wells.

— Walt Meyers & Bob Babcock

SMC Has 27 "Super Seniors" In 90-100 Age Group

By Dick Harper

Of the 425 members of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, 27 are truly "super seniors."

There are two centurions and 15 nonagenarians (90-99 years old). As a group, they have made big contributions to Club success over the years.

The two centurions are Jim Beattie, 104, and Murray Kennedy, who turned 100 Feb. 21.

Kennedy Honored Feb. 19

Kennedy was honored at the Feb. 19 luncheon with special ceremonies. (see photo at right,) Nostalgic reminiscences were delivered by a couple of "young fellers," Walt Meyers who has known him for 27 years and Art Burgott, 50 years.

Murray is at the Woodward Hills Retirement Home, alone now that his wife Hazel has passed away. He is a past president (1974) and last attended our 40th anniversary luncheon in 1997. He played golf and bowled well into his 90's.

At 91, he had an impressive 146 average and in 1994 achieved an amazing 547 series score.

Beattie Remains Active

Jim Beattie lives in an "assisted living" complex in Rochester Hills. He cooks many of his own meals, with food supplied by his daughter. He does three crossword puzzles a day. Jim keeps track of his investments, but worries more about winning at bingo than what stocks and bonds do. He says he misses his many SMC friends.

While several of the 25 members in the 90-99 age group no longer live in the area, many who do are very active in Club functions.

Carl Schorn (93) attended all 43 meetings last year, Henry Dawkins (94) attended 41, while John Spomer (91) and Fletcher Street (90) made 39. The last two "youngsters" are very serious golfers. Past Presidents John Spomer and Henry Dawkins are active on the Club's Executive Board.

In addition, many of this elite group contribute to the Club both as standing committee members and by participating in committee meetings and activities on an on going-basis.

CENTURY MARK: Murray Kennedy, left, got special congratulations on his 100th birthday from Art Burgott (with mike) and Phil Werner.



More importantly, these "Super Seniors" exemplify what membership in our Club is all about. They inspire the rest of us with their energy, contributions and total devotion to our club.

April Special Event Is Jewel at the Gem

The Special Event planned for Apr. 14 is a two-faceted jewel. First, there is the opportunity to visit and admire the recently relocated Gem Theater in Detroit.

The Gem was moved recently from its location on Woodward Avenue to its new home on Madison Avenue near the Detroit Athletic Club.

"The second facet of this jewel is the theatrical production we will see. The play is "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," says John Zabriskie. "It's a hilariously funny hit musical comedy. And, those are hard to come by."

Bus transportation will leave the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham parking lot at 12:30 p.m. with the play starting at 2 p.m.. After the show, buses will return members to the church parking lot sometime between 4:30 and 5 p.m.

The entire cost for this jewel is just \$32. Tickets go on sale at regular SMC meetings beginning Mar. 12.

Martz , Harper Lead Individual Bowlers

After 21 weeks of bowling, there was a tie for first: Team 4, including Frank Barnes, Ken Brooker, Bob Hadley and Bruce Smiley; and Team 9, with Frank Garland, Dennis Kozak, John Wargelin and Norris Wetters.

Individual star of the period, as reported by Kozak, was Dick Harper with a single game score of 247.

Phil Martz had high individual average, 177; and high series, 640.

High team game of 743 was scored by Team 14: Don Doty, Bob Klein and Ray Latovick.

High team series of 1993 by Team 11: Vince Caputo, Bob Jordan, Harry Mitchell and Ed Neill.

Other Club Dates To Remember

Here are additional events not covered in other articles in this issue.

Mar. 9: Executive Board, 9:30 a.m.

Mar. 19: *Reminder* Deadline

Golf: First & Third Thursdays at Golf Dome on John R north of 12 Mile Road, 9-11 a.m.

Bridge: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Fridays after lunch.

Bowling: At Thunderbird Lanes Mondays at 9:15 a.m.

Three Cheers for SMC's "Mail Men"

If you've ever wondered how you get your *Reminders* so quickly, put your hands together for Joe Kern and his merry mail crew. These five men (see photo at right) gather monthly about 10 days after the publication's copy deadline to "move the mail."

Saving Time and Money

Since 1996, the publication has gone first-class to speed delivery. And because copies are self-addressed, the Club saves envelope expenses. It also gets a reduced postal rate because the nearly 900 copies are presorted by zip codes.

The process begins with Kern picking up six postal trays from the Birmingham Post Office and labeling them for zip code destinations. Chuck Williams prepares label sheets on his home computer.

On mailing day, labels are affixed to the *Reminder*, sorted by zip code, bundled and placed in the proper zip code trays. This takes about 60-90 minutes, after which the trays are delivered to the Birmingham Post Office's bulk mail room.

Kern says Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills mailings usually have one-day delivery. Negotiations with other post offices have reduced delivery time significantly and discussions are continuing.

Frailey and Heldt Top Bridge Scorers

Jack Frailey and Dick Heldt were tops in Jan.-Feb. bridge play. The top scorers as reported by Don McNair, were:

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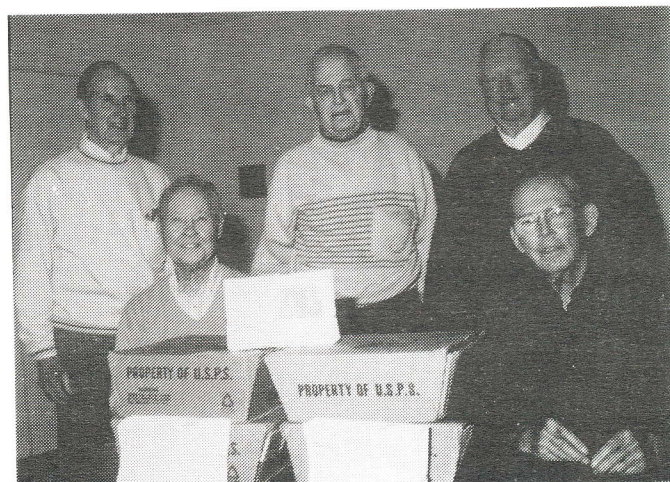
Jack Frailey	10,340
Carl Schorn	10,280
Jane Piggott	10,220
Joe Kern	9,900
Henry Dawkins	9,280

DUPLICATE

Dick Heldt	71%
Ed Chambliss	70 & 68%
Phil Werner	64%
Jack Gates	63%

"Reminder" Mail Crew Gets Ready to Work

REMINDER MAIL MEN. Seated: left to right: Joe Kern and Chuck Williams; standing, from the left, George Johnson, Russ McCarty and Bill English. (Photo by Tom Bedford)



It's Time to Sign Up For '99 Golf Season

You can't keep the golf geeks quiet even in the middle of winter.

Fran DeGrande says 57 golfers have notified the golf committee of their plans to participate this year and because there are only 60 slots available, he says players should get their checks in before the Mar. 25 deadline. Season tickets are \$162, up \$9 over last year. Checks should be made out to the SMC and mailed to Virgil Smith or DeGrande.

After Mar. 25, there will be a drawing for tee times and foursomes posted on the Club's bulletin board with starting times. For later starting times, call DeGrande before the drawing.

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Officers for 1999 are: John R. Caldwell, president; William T. Reilly, first vice president; Carver Wood, second vice president; Ray Latovick, treasurer; Ernie Bergan, secretary; Ben Ewing, corresponding secretary; Carl Ingraham, parliamentarian. Officers-at-large: Stewart Keeney, Sherwin Vine.

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