

The Reminder



Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

SEPTEMBER 1999

SEPTEMBER CHAIRMAN: JOHN WENSTRAND

Speaker: Becky Siewert, Vice President
Comerica Bank

Subject: "Minimizing Y2K Problems"
Applicants invited A - E

Speaker: Dr. William Ritter, Senior Pastor
First United Methodist Church of Birmingham

Subject: "Clean Up Your Act"
Applicants invited F - L

Speaker: Stephen Kershner, General Manager
bps Corporate Training & Conference Center

Subject: "Technology At My Fingertips"
Applicants invited M - R

Speaker: Ray Vecci, Executive Vice President-Customer Service and
President of Michigan Operations for Northwest Airlines

Subject: "Northwest Service Initiatives"
Applicants invited S - Z

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Speaker: John Davids, Architect
Subject: "Environmental Architecture"

Applicants invited A - E

Discussion Groups

SEPTEMBER CHAIRMAN: HAROLD JACKSON

Sept. 2 Speaker: Armand Gebert, veteran Detroit News Reporter
Topic: "Inside Today's Newspapers"

Sept. 10 Speaker: George Mosher, Senior Men's Club
Topic: "How Cars Get Their Names"

Sept. 17 Speaker: Bob Engel, Senior Men's Club
Topic: "You Are Never Too Old To Compute"

Sept. 24 Speaker: Dave McLellan, retired Corvette Chief Engineer
Topic: "A Corvette Will Make You 20 Years Younger"

Oct. 1 Speaker: Chuck Moss, Birmingham City Commissioner
Topic: "Overview of Birmingham Building Projects"

Dick Hameister Is Strong 'Behind the Scenes' Member

By Dick Harper

One of the strengths of the Senior Men's Club is the quiet but enthusiastic involvement of many members who serve on Club committees, who participate in and support its activities. In a very real sense, they make our Club work.

Dick Hameister typifies this type of behind-the-scenes contributor. He has always been very active, serving on at least two committees every year since becoming a member 10 years ago. His service includes membership on the Chaplain, Master of Ceremony, Health and Food committees.



Helped Improve Lunches

Perhaps his most significant recent contribution has come in his role as co-chair of the Food Committee. The research conducted last fall indicated that members rated the Friday lunch as merely OK. They told us that lunch could benefit from improvement, but did not support a price increase.

Dick undertook this challenge, and through negotiations with The Community House, was able to achieve an expansion of sandwich choices plus an improved salad with
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings:

George Snider, 95 on August 5.

Gordon Lamphere, 93 on September 3.

Leland Feguson, 90 on August 5.

Neil Warren, 90 on August 20.

James Beattie, 105 on September 15.

Associate Member Birthdays: Alister Brownlie, September 10; Benton Harvey, September 18.

Deaths:

William C. Gidley, who joined in May, 1985.

Charles Latham, Life Member, who joined in September, 1977.

Hiller Pries, on leave, who joined in September, 1995.

Edward Mason, on leave, who joined in October, 1993.

Richard Beaubien, Life Member, who joined in October, 1979.

Stewart Keeney, who joined in November, 1997.

Baylor Sutton, Life Member and past President, who joined in January, 1972.

New Members:

Straith, Richard E., (Valerie), 625 Hillcrest, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 644-4459. Sponsor: Jack McLaughlin.

Small, Irwin A., (Susan), 6861 Orinoco, Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 626-6424. Sponsor: Durand Brown.

Nygaard, Ben C., (Rosemary), 17111 Buckingham Rd., Beverly Hills, 48025, 645-1563. Sponsor: Bill MacLachlan.

Wehling, Richard A., (Jean), 22465 N. Nottingham, Beverly Hills, 48025, 647-8511. Sponsor: John Vass.

Campbell, Robert G., (Grace), 1401 Old Sales Ct., Birmingham, 48009, 646-8149. Sponsor: John Caldwell.

Fisher, Russell H. (Kathryn), 5920 Cohasset Ln. #20B, Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 645-0043. Sponsor: Joe Maertens.

Benton, Robert A., (Marian), 15810 Reedmere, Beverly Hills, 48025, 644-5668. Sponsor: Bob Cosner.

Ganci, Joseph J., (Esther), 3691 Boulder, Troy, 48084, 643-8271. Sponsor: Al Wagner.

Judy, Richard W., (Joanne), 1944 Tuckaway Dr., Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 626-8744. Sponsor: Tom Perkins.

McCarty, Russell G., (Myrtle), 1750 N. Woodward #29, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 646-7781. Sponsor: Larry Marchetti.

New Life Members:

Max Roosa, who joined in March, 1985.

Robert Pearce, who joined in November, 1985.

Address Changes: Leo Case, 531 Oxford Ct., Rochester Hills, 48307, 853-0442.

Gerard Markey, 150 E. Long Lake #202, Bloomfield Hills, 48304.

Eugene Hess, 1111 N. Old Woodward #C-128, Birmingham, 48009.

Change of Street Number: Henry Krigner, 36725 Utica Rd., 790-6964.

Leave of Absence: Edgar Krainer.

New Applicants:

Cook, Francis J., (Ruthanna), 2417 Wildbrook Run, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 335-9118. Sponsor: Ken Holloway.

Cromar, Robert L., (Marjorie), 4041 W. Maple Rd., E203, Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 593-9945. Sponsor: Jack McLaughlin.

Denton, Ronald T., (Joan), 421 S. Cranbrook Rd., Birmingham, 48009, 540-4671. Sponsor: Jack Corey.

Elliott, Kenneth F., (Mary), 4171 Stoneleigh, Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 642-2395. Sponsor: Bob Klein.

Hammer, Roger H., (Carolyn), 2353 Brenthaven Dr., Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 338-2575. Sponsor: George Hilfinger.

Haviland, Merrill L., (Phyllis), 1432 Bates, Birmingham, 48009, 647-2410. Sponsor: the late John Prior.

Jones, J. Whitfield, (Anne), 26765 Captain's Lane, Franklin, 48025, 626-7185. Sponsor: King Ruhly.

Key, David H., (Elizabeth), 1419 Sandringham Way, Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 642-3443. Sponsor: Carver Wood.

Leydorf, George F., (Sue), 1366 Yosemite, Birmingham, 48009, 646-5597. Sponsor: Chuck Sommers.

McEwen, David J., (Shirley), 3477 Newgate Rd., Troy, 48084, 642-3459. Sponsor: Charles Morse.

Stratton, James E., Jr., (Lucille), 1740 N. Woodward, Unit 33, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 594-1997. Sponsor: Carl Thomas.

—Walt Meyers & Bob Babcock

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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, MI 48009.

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; Officer-at-large: Sherwin Vine.

THE REMINDER includes: Alvie Smith, editor; Dick Davis, Dick Harper and Paul Pentecost, associate editors; Lee Trumbull, layout, Joe Kern, mailing.

Group Meetings

Senior Men's Club activities get back into full swing in September and some of the functions are listed below.

Computer Group

The computer group will have a special presentation by Mike DeMaria of MediaOne for its September 15 meeting which begins at 2:30 p.m.

The topics to be discussed will include Internet and e-mail access, speeds, accessibility, costs, and benefits.

"This should be a interesting and informative meeting," says Don Cox. "We expect a good turnout and suggest you arrive early so that we can begin promptly."

Investment Study

The Investment Group will now meet on Thursday, September 16 at 2:45 p.m.

Jim Williams of the Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone law firm, will discuss "Future for Death and Taxes."

Chairman George Miller emphasizes that the September 16th date is different from the normal monthly date.

Camera Group

On September 14, the Camera Group will tour Scandinavia. Stan Skaistis is our tour guide and he will take us to Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland. The tour starts at 2 p.m.

Attendance Alert

As of July 30, a total of 181 active members had not yet gotten their "10 in," cautions Brad Ballard.

If you are one of the 181, with only 13 meetings remaining, time is dwindling for you to attend at least the minimum number to maintain your active status.

"If you became a member during 1999, you must attend the equivalent of one meeting per month," Ballard said.

136 Attend Club's Annual Picnic August 6

The annual picnic at the Pontiac Yacht Club on August 6 drew a big crowd. Ray's Ice Cream, Jacobson's, The Great Harvest Bread Company, Peabody's, and The Townsend Hotel all donated to the party.



Shakespeare at Stratford Oct. 8

"A Mid-summer Night's Dream," a comedy by William Shakespeare, is the October 8 special event of the Senior Men's Club.

Members will travel on a special 55-seat bus to the Stratford Festival Theatre in Ontario located along the Avon River.

Tickets are \$42, which includes reserved seating, a box lunch and snacks.

"We'll be gathering at the First Presbyterian Church on Maple starting at 8:30 a.m. and leaving at 9 a.m.," says Gene Jacoby. Scheduled arrival at the Stratford Theatre is around noon and the play starts at 2 p.m. The bus will leave Stratford about 4:45 p.m.

"Dream" opened June 1 and has been one of the favorites at the Festival this summer," Jacoby says. Tickets will go on sale September 3.

Contact Gene Jacoby at 646-9315 or Jack McCleary at 540-7043 with any questions.

Seek Nominees for Service Award

The SMC Policy Committee invites Club members to submit nominations for the 1999 Outstanding Service Award by September 17, 1999 to any member of the committee, says Phil Werner, chairman.

Other committee members are King Ruhly, Don Clark, Dr. John Caldwell, Bob Lotz and Gordon Henderson.

Community House Fund Drive Begins

The annual fund drive of The Community House is under way, with a goal of \$50,000 set for the Senior Men's Club.

Drive Director Bob Pullar urges all members to make a contribution "as a way of thanking The Community House for all the services it gives our organization throughout the year."

The goal for the entire Community House drive for the year is \$350,000.

In 1998, 565 SMC members (78% of total 725 membership) gave more than \$47,000, just short of the goal.

"Our target this year is to achieve 100% contributions with no gift less than \$10," Pullar said, "this could take us well over the \$50,000 mark."

Members Achieve Life Membership This Summer (HAMEISTER, from page 1)



Art Burgott (far right), orator deluxe, was busy this summer welcoming new Life Members. Three are shown above, from the left: Max Roosa, Ray Swartz and Dr. Sid Miller.

SMC Group to Attend MSU-UM Game Oct. 9

Thanks to Dick Harper, SMC has 50 football tickets to sell for the October 9th game between Michigan and Michigan State at East Lansing. Tickets go on sale September 10, according to event chairman Bob Lyle (646-1845).

Cost of \$52 includes one football ticket, bus fare, and gratuity for the bus driver. Two-ticket limit for members and applicants.

Meet at 8:30 a.m. for departure at 9:00 a.m. sharp from the Presbyterian Church on Maple.

Senior Men's Club Bridge Is Family Affair

Club bridge for the June 18-July 30 period was a family affair with Chase Cooper scoring a 66% average in duplicate and wife Mary Lou averaging 2460 in contract bridge sessions.

Other top scorers reported by Zac Endress and Don McNair, are:

CONTRACT

Al Wagner	2388
Joe Kern	2237
Carl Schorn	2020

DUPLICATE

Harry Cypher	65%
Bob Elliott	64%
Joe Rawley	64%
Jim Crabb	63%

Don't Leave Oakland Kids Out In the Cold

"Some of us forsake the beauty in the fall and high tail it to warmer climes as early as September."

If you are one of those "snow bird" guys, you may want to make your contribution now to the Oakland County Children's Village drive which will be held in October," says Phil Werner, drive chairman.

"So, as you prepare to flee to warmer climates, don't leave the children at OCCV out in the cold."

"The goal this year for the Club's only charity drive (besides The Community House) is \$6,000, compared to \$5,532 raised in 1998. "So we'll need extra generosity to meet this year's goal."

Send gifts to Phil Werner at 6810 Orinoco, Bloomfield Hills, 48301.

Executive Board

SMC's Executive Board will meet on September 21 at 9:30 a.m.

no price change.

Among other activities, he is a regular golfer at Springdale and has assisted at the annual club picnic for many years.

Dick was born in Elgin, Illinois, about 40 miles west of Chicago. He went to high school in Elgin and earned a mechanical degree from Illinois Institute of Technology.

Career with Holley

He worked 42 years in engineering assignments with the Automotive Division of Holley Carburetor. His service was interrupted by a stint with the Army Civil Engineering Corps during World War II, including service at Pearl Harbor (after the attack).

Dick's family includes: his wife Kate, son Rick in Atlanta, daughter Sandra in Franklin, Tennessee, plus three grand children. He looks forward to trips each year to visit his children.

Other interests include his church—First United Methodist—where he is involved with the Choir and Men's Group plus volunteer activities such as Meals on Wheels. One significant hobby is woodcarving, where he produces intricate and detailed wood designs.

Reflecting on his life since retirement, he noted what so many other seniors have indicated: "It's amazing how your time fills up when you stay active and involved in your community, and how satisfying your life is."

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