

The Reminder



Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

JUNE 1999

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JUNE CHAIRMAN: TOM VAN VOORHIS

4 Speaker: Kimberly Baughman, General Manager of the Great Lakes Crossing Mall
 Subject: "Michigan's No. 1 Tourist Attraction"
Applicants invited S - Z

11 Speaker: Michael Bouchard, Oakland County Sheriff
 Subject: "Sheriff's Update"
Applicants invited A - E

Good Speaker
18 Speaker: Jack Mehl, Oakland University Athletic Director and Greg Kampe, Basketball Coach *not available matter ill.*
 Subject: "Oakland University's Athletics Today & Tomorrow"
Applicants invited F - L

25 Speaker: Marge Passalacqua, R.N., Clinical Research Coordinator
 Subject: Beaumont Hospital Cardiology Research Department
 "Treatment by Beaumont Doctors Could Reduce Need for Heart By-Pass"
Applicants invited M - R

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2 Speaker: H. Eugene Weiss, Auto Historian
 Subject: "The Selden Patent: Early 20th Century Automotive Monopoly"
Applicants invited S - Z

Discussion Groups

JUNE CHAIRMAN: BLAINE GORDON

June 4 Speaker: Paul Fitzpatrick
 Topic: "Stupidity"
June 11 Speaker: James Bostwick
 Topic: "The Bug and the Beetle"
June 18 Speaker: Charles Windsor
 Topic: "What Do We Know About the Universe?"
June 25 Speaker: Ed Conley
 Topic: To Be Announced
July 2 Speaker: James Tobin, Author of
 Topic: "Ernie Pyle's War"

Dr. Henry Dawkins Is Truly "A Man for All Seasons"

By Paul Pentecost

Dr. Henry Dawkins is a "man for all seasons."

He has excelled in his dental profession, in sports (basketball, track, golf and tennis), in art as a sculptor, in bridge, and the military, retiring from the reserves as a colonel.

A member of the Senior Men's Club since 1982, he has served as chairman of several activities and top officer slots, including president in 1992. Last year he attended 41 of 43 meetings, and has perfect attendance so far this year.

Although reticent about giving his age, it is a matter of record that he became a Life Member in 1992.



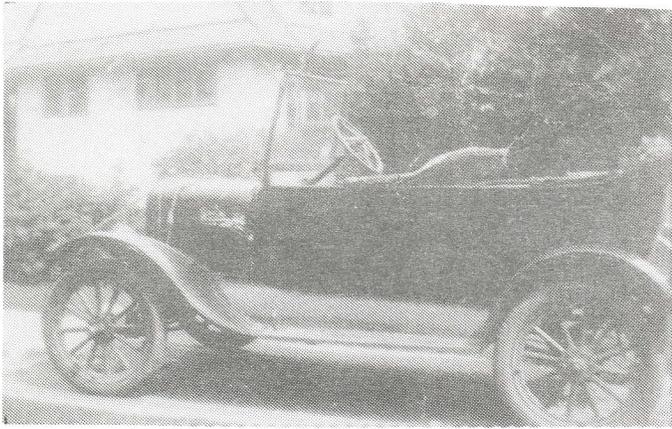
Dawkins

Born in Illinois, Henry's family moved to Mesick, MI (near Cadillac) when he was six. He was a member of the Mesick High School 1922 basketball state champions and pole vaulter on the track team.

Although he didn't complete in Big 10 athletics while at U of M, he won his biggest prize when he met his wife Frances at a party at her Kappa Delta Sorority house. Henry graduated with his D.D.S. degree in 1928 and they were married in 1933.

He practiced dentistry in the Fisher Building for 35 years.

Oldest Car Produced 233% Profit



Here's the 1923 Model T Ford which Don Clark and a friend bought in 1934 for \$6; then sold six months later for \$14—a cool profit of 233%

(DAWKINS, from page 1)

During World War II, he served with a hospital unit in the South Pacific for three years. At one point he was chief of dental surgery of a 1,000-bed hospital. He stayed in the Air Force Reserves and was Squadron Commander Dawkins when he retired after serving more than 20 years.

His golf and tennis days are behind him but he is still playing a strong bridge game. He won the club's contract bridge competition in 1988 and 1989. His interest in sculpturing is still there but the skill has deteriorated. He was 1982 president of the Sculpture Guild of Michigan.

He and his wife Frances, who died in 1994 after 61 years of marriage, had four children who engender Henry's greatest pride.

Son Dale was a vice president of American Motors and is now with Daimler-Chrysler. Daughter Susan is a teacher of gifted children. Son Michael has his own company in Royal Oak.

And yes, son Peter is *the* "Pete" Dawkins. Cranbrook graduate, All-American and Heisman Trophy winner at West Point, Rhodes Scholar at Oxford and Retired Army general now living in New York. There are 10 grand children and six great grandchildren.

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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; Officers-at-large: Stewart Keeney, Serwin Vine.

Staff of *THE REMINDER* includes: Alvie Smith, editor; Dick Davis, Dick Harper and Paul Pentecost, associate editors; Kathy Wolf and Lee Trumbull, layout,

Senior Men's Club Members Brag About First Cars Owned

By Don Cox

The Discussion Group had a recent program where members could tell about our first cars.

Since I was the discussion leader that day, I took advantage of that by telling about my car first. That was a good decision as everyone wanted to talk and time ran out before we could get to everyone.

My first car was a 1928 Dodge which I bought in the fall of 1950.

The oldest car we heard about was a 1917 Model T Ford which Lee Bush had. In about 1932, he was in Phoenix, AZ and wanted to return home to Hillsdale, MI.

He and a friend made the trip, and then Lee drove it on to East Lansing where he went to school.

Several told about their cars, mostly models made in the 20s. Newest was Gran Sharp's, a 1932 Plymouth 4-cylinder Model "PB."

Don Clark's Adventure

Don Clark was out of town but had a writeup for the group. Here are highlights:

"It was a 1923 Ford Model T touring car which Neil Stark and I bought in the summer of 1934.

"Neil said Perry Vaughn had a Model T Ford in Bloomfield Center that we could buy for \$3 a piece.

"We were 15 years old and had our

driver's licenses. We paid Perry and towed the car to a vacant garage on Oak street in Birmingham. In a couple days we had it running—mostly by cleaning it up, putting in good spark plugs and coils.

"Keeping the Model T running kept us plenty busy. Fortunately there were two junkyards in south Pontiac with lots of Model T parts. We were always fiddling around with the engine, but working on tires was the worst 'time hog' by far.

"In September we sold the "T" to the Colgrove brothers, Punk and Mugs, for \$14. A pretty good percentage profit. They put on a top and side curtains, added a starter, and used it on their Free Press route all winter," Clark concluded.

Other Club Dates To Remember

June 8 Executive Board, 9:30 a.m.

June 18 *REMINDER* deadline

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

Golf:

Regular members, Springdale, 9 a.m. Thursdays

Applicants, White Oaks Lake, 8:30 a.m. Mondays

All events at the Community House unless otherwise stated.

Group Meetings

Camera Group

Bob Rooney, who recently went around the world, will share this trip with us on June 8 when he will present slides of the first part of the journey, says Stan Skaistis.

Sometime in the fall, he will treat us to the rest of the trip.

Computer Group

Come and join the Computer Group at its next meeting on June 16, 1999 at 2:30 p.m.

Andy Spencer will explain how to send and receive free E-Mail. He will also tell us how to get on the Internet at no charge.

Also, John Slocum will discuss results of a survey of group members about future programs. Interesting results, says Don Cox.

Investment Study

Stock game winners will share their wisdom on stock selections in a volatile market at the June 9 meeting which begins at 2:45 p.m.

Current leaders are Carl Ingraham, Mark Fisher, Brad Ballard and Fletcher Street.

Dick Harper will discuss the results of a survey of our group and actions planned to improve the investment study programs.

"Reserved Seats"

The Senior Men's Club continues to have trouble seating people at meetings because of 'reservations' written at table seats. On May 11 the Executive Board approved a new procedure.

At 10:25 a.m., the Sergeant of Arms will seat members or applicants at any 'reserved' seat where no person is present or no lunch ticket is on the plate.

Reservations for committee members serving as greeters or at check-in stations are exempt from this new procedure.

Dick Straight Is Volunteer of the Year

Dick Straight was named the Community House 1998 Volunteer of the Year in a special April 19 ceremony.

In an award certificate signed by State Senator Shirley Johnson, he was cited for: One, increasing SMC contributions to the annual fund drive and two, for outstanding service on the organization's Volunteer Guild.



Straight

Rattner, Frailey, McNair Tops In Bridge Games

Joe Rattner topped duplicate bridge scoring with 70% and Jack Frailey (2936) and Don McNair (2923) were the best in the latest contract play, as reported by Don McNair and Jac Endress.

Other top scores were:

In Duplicate: Dan Dahl, 68% and 66%; Charles Gates 67% and Ferd Doll, 65%.

In Contract: Joe Kern, 2484; Al Wagner, 2403.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Life Member Birthday Greetings:

Henry Dawkins, Life Member, will be 95 on June 13.
Foster Williams, Life Member, will be 94 on June 11.
Roy Edwards, Life Member, will be 92 on June 26.
Fletcher Street, Life Member, will be 91 on June 26.
T. Hollister Mabley, Life Member, will be 90 on June 8.
Melvin Pillon, Life Member, will be 90 on June 24.

Associate Member Birthday: Cliff Lundgren on June 25.

Deaths: A. Karl Scharff, who joined in May, 1986.

New Members:

Falls, George D., (Martha), 4188 Sunningdale Dr., Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 645-0698. Sponsor: Bob Bentz.
Gabriel, Martin G., (Marie), 4396 Geisler Ct., Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 626-6617, Sponsor: Phil Werner.
MacDonald, Donald A., 1196 Rolling Acres, Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 737-8905, Sponsor: Dick Hameister.
Yeats, Joseph J., (Betty), 2679 Warwick, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 334-6939, Sponsor: Bob Hagemeyer.

New Life Members:

James Cameron, who joined in June, 1977.
Al Gurley, who joined in Sept., 1983.
Sidney Miller, who joined in Sept., 1983.

Charles Ross, who joined in Sept., 1982.
Dennis Sante, who joined in Feb., 1983.
Ray Swartz, who joined in Jan., 1978.
Bill Waltsgott, who joined in Feb., 1981.

Leave of Absence: John Erhardt and Richard Heldt.

Telephone Number Change: Charles Latham, now 674-7114.

Address Change: Howard Larick, 12770 Waterford Cir., Ft. Meyers, FL 33919.
Ken Bertschy, 6257 Telegraph #232, Bloomfield Hills, 48301.

New Applicants:

Drew, Dale R., (Betty), 4454 Barchester Drive, Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 646-8196.
Sponsor: Ken Urwiller.
Huff, Richard W., (Mary), 3812 South Miller Way, Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 646-6804.
Sponsor: Maury Allen.
Moore, George W. III, (Delymna), 1761 Huntingwood, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 594-5866. Sponsor: Bob Hackett.
Neumann, John W., (Shirley), 18954 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills, 48025, 644-5754.
Sponsor: Carver Wood.

- Walt Meyers & Bob Babcock

Year's Winning Bowling Team



Here's SMC's top '98 bowling team: seated is Frank Barnes; standing, from the left, Bob Hadley, Bruce Smiley and Ken Brooker.

Chuckles On Aging from Internet

Here are some chuckles on aging from the endless information flow on the Internet.

- Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- Insanity is my only means of relaxation.
- Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- One of life's mysteries is how a two-pound box of candy can put on five pounds.
- You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair as you once got from a roller coaster.
- My mind not only wanders; sometimes it leaves completely.
- It's frustrating to know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- Age doesn't always bring wisdom; sometimes it comes alone.
- Seen it all, done it all...can't remember most of it.
- Amazing! You hang something in your closet for a while and it shrinks two sizes.
- Time may be a great healer, but it's also a lousy beautician.
- God put me on earth to accomplish a certain number of things; I'm so far behind, I will live forever.
- Winston Churchill: "The young sow wild oats; the old sow sage."

Detroit River Cruise Planned for July 10

Club members are invited to a Detroit River cruise July 20.

Included will be a two-hour narrated cruise leaving from Hart Plaza, and dinner at Sinbad's Restaurant. The chartered bus will leave Birmingham at noon and return about 6:30 p.m.

Tickets will be \$37 a person, excluding cash bar at dinner. Tickets will go on sale June 11.

Bob Gardner says only 55 tickets are available, "so sign up early." More details will be in the July REMINDER, or call Gardner (248) 334-9979.

Anderson and Bean Top Golfers In May

Club golfers scored big during the first three weeks of May, as reported by Don Clark, for active golfers and by John Dudash, for the applicant golfers.

At White Oaks Lake

Dick Anderson had the two lowest scores —39 and 40.

Other notable scores were Cliff Dean and Bob Jordan, 41; Alva Wood, Jim Schaefer and Ed Hoglund, 42.

Anderson and Schaefer had two birdies. Schaefer also won the closest to the hold competition, just seven feet off the mark.

At Springdale

Corman Bean got the "hat trick" with low scores for all three weeks —two 39s and a 40.

Other notable scores: Kirby Callum, 40; Jim Cameron and Ed Hoagland, 41; Hoagland and Jim Leese, 42.

Closest to the pin was Jim Lowman at 10 feet.

A total of 87 different and an average of 51 golfers participated.

Learning the Bible

A Sunday school teacher asked her young pupils to tell the class what the Tenth Commandment meant. Susie raised her hand and said: "Thou shall not take the covers off thy neighbor's wife."

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