

The Reminder

A Publication of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

KEEPING UP WITH THE SENIOR MEN

May PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: CARL F. SCHORN

4 Musical Program: "Fortepiano Duo Recital"
Performers: Marian Siatczynski and Irene Mattutat

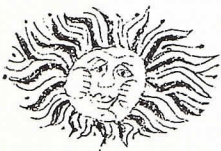
11 Speaker: Blake A. Thomson,
Hot Air Balloonist
Subject: "A History of Ballooning"

25 Speaker: Fr. Ed Belczek, Pastor
St. Thomas More
Subject: "New Beginning"

No meeting on Friday, May 18

June PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: ROBERT L. BOYNTON

1 Speaker: Dr. William K. Quick
Senior Minister
The Metropolitan United
Methodist Church
Subject: ~~To be announced~~ "LIVING
BETWEEN YESTERDAY
AND TOMORROW"



DISCUSSION GROUP

WITH JIM FLACK, LEADER

- May 4 Ed Hoaglund, "The Joke Is On Us"
- May 11 Bob Hadley, "The Rugged New Breed"
- May 18 No meeting
- May 25 John Spomer, "Golf Tips"

JUNE CHAIRMAN: JIM FLACK

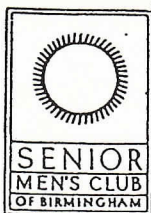
- June 1 Stan Skaistis, "More Than You Want
to Know About Wines"

A POINT OF LIGHT -- And on the subject of The Community House, members learned that indefatigable Bob Hadley was named Community House "Volunteer of the Year" and duly honored at various civic functions during the recent Volunteer Week festivities.

Bob, photographer extraordinaire, turned out to be a "Jack of all trades" since his citation included references to his work as a painter and carpenter for The Community House.

ICE IS NICE -- Carl Ingraham traveled all the way to Vasteras, Sweden, to prove that point. Ingraham was there to serve as an observer at the World Curling Championships, but, he said, "I also got to work a few games as an official." Ingraham heads the U.S. Curling Association and is active in the 250-member Detroit Curling Club.

WORTHY OF NOTE -- Clem Cykowski was honored with a special citation for his contributions to the club with his skilled, artistic hands. A special salute, too, for his efforts with the Reminder in recent months and for his presentations of "Moments of Interest."



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DeSMET LEAVES LEGACY OF WORK

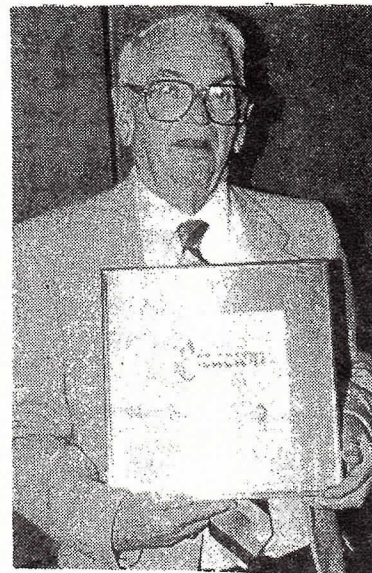
There are those who by their commitment to an organization have a way of earning a special niche in the group's history.

Marcel DeSmet was one.

He will be remembered for his unflagging enthusiasm, his gravelly voice that disguised a soft heart, and for his presence when something had to be done for the Birmingham Senior Men's Club ... or the community.

As his good friend Baylor Sutton put it in describing how Marcel reacted in his role as Sergeant-at-Arms, "He was the kind of fellow who would give you a blast for some perceived misdeed when actually he'd be quick to give you the shirt off his back, if necessary."

The only time in his life that Marcel was speechless was on a January day when the club surprised him with the presentation of its Merit Award. Marcel's role as Santa Claus in Birmingham civic events was legendary, as were other

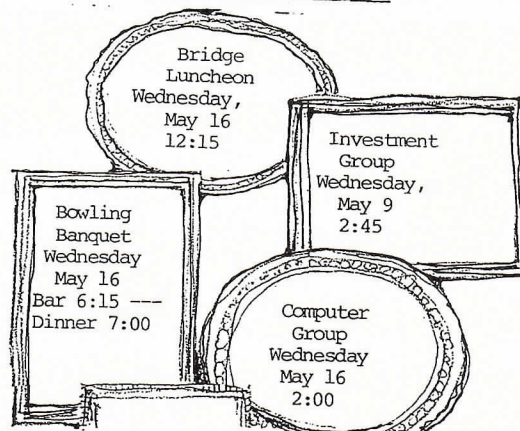


Marcel DeSmet with Merit Award given to him by the Club

benefactions by him and his wife Helen.

Marcel left another legacy. He demonstrated beyond question that the more one contributes to making things happen in an organization, the more one can enjoy his affiliation. Marcel was so active in club matters that friends cautioned him to ease up. But he never slowed his pace.

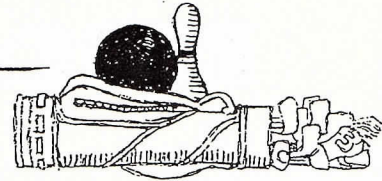
DATES TO REMEMBER



Camera Group, Tuesday, May 8 at 2:00 p.m.

REMINDER DEADLINE: MAY 25

GAMES



GOLF

HARDY GOLFERS TAKE SNOWFLAKES IN STRIDE

April 12 -- 22 degrees at 8:30 a.m., SNOW and frozen greens. Present, four committee persons, six who thought they might participate in golf.

April 19 -- 42 degrees at 8:30 a.m.; and 60 degrees at 1:00 p.m. Fifty-four golfers participated in a very good outing, save for it being a wee bit windy.

Scores were good for the first time out and in some cases you could tell who played during the winter months. Furthermore, it isn't the score that counts so much as the joy of being alive and enjoying the friendships we create. Healthwise it also is an asset.

Riding carts will be available when course conditions permit. We will try to keep you informed.

We are also sorry that as of now we haven't figured out how to get 20 foursomes out between 9:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. We are still trying.

Walk-on's come on out. There is almost always someone missing from a foursome, and we need you to fill the vacant spots.

We are all saddened and will dearly miss our outstanding Games Chairman and starter, Marcel (Marc) DeSmet (June 27, 1911-April 18, 1990). Watch over us from your place on high, and may our memories of you remind us to be humble and be of service to our fellowman as you were to us.

The Committee: Don, Jay, Hockey and A. Ray

APPLICANTS OPEN SEASON ON MAY 14

Applicant golfers will tee it up for the first time on Monday, May 14, at the White Lake Oaks Club on M-59 and Williams Lake Road.

Please be there by 8:30 a.m. We start on the back nine.

If you are unable to be there, please let a member of your foursome know so we can arrange for a sub.

- Joe Steele

BOWLING

FRAN De GRANDE, CHAIR



As most of you know, we lost our General Chairman, Marcel DeSmet, on April 18. Marcel will be remembered as a "spirited" man who gave many hours working on programs he valued. Marcel wore a gift from his family, a gold chain with a gold buffalo, designating his nationality (Belgium). We extend our sympathy to his wife, Helen, and family and bid our friend "The Golden Buffalo" farewell.

Monday, April 23, was our last day of bowling this season. On this day we had the team doubles

event and the roll-off for the league championship and second place between the first and second half winners, Teams #1 and #9.

The victorious team was Team #1, defeating Team #9 by only 28 pins for the three games.

Members of Team #1, league champs, are: J. Hobin, E. Jositas, C. Breitmeyer and D. Harper.

Members of Team #9 ending in second place are: W. Reilly, R. Pearce, H. Partridge and J. Trudell. Congratulations to Team #1.

The teams with the high

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BRIDGE

GRAND SLAMS ELUDE SCORES OF PLAYERS

An average of 65 players a week tried their hand at the bridge table during the four-week period (March 23 through April 13) ... and there was nary a grand slam recorded.

Summary of the card-shuffling activities follows:

CONTRACT BRIDGE

The average number of players was 25. Four small slams were made.

6 Clubs:

H. Lugers-L. Sturgeon
B. Hanlon-G. Winborn

6 Spades:

J. Falk-C. Schorn
B. Henderson-H. Melikian

High scores for the period were:

4210	H. Melikian
4130	C. Schorn
3950	J. Bartlam
3580	B. Hanlon
3550	B. Henderson
3400	B. Sutton
3350	B. Hanlon
3230	G. Conley
3180	A. Ackerman
3180	B. Henderson
3060	L. Keim
3030	H. Dawkins

High averages were:

Jerry Bartlam	3483
Baylor Sutton	2685
Bill Hanlon	2538
Bert Henderson	2368
Don Murray	2020
Carl Schorn	2005
Henry Dawkins	2003

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Top scores were:

Clare Charon	70.0%
Ed Clarke	67.4
Clare Charon	63.5
Tom Dickenson	54.6

Average Friday attendance was 40 players.

During the four-week period, no grand slams were made, but seven teams did score small slams.

6 No-Trump:

Harold Merkel-Zak Endress
Ed Chambles-Lee Busch
Carol Hollingshead-
Ted Schmidt

6 spades:

Jim Crabb-Ted Schmidt

6 Hearts:

Bob Davis-Ed Chamblis

6 Clubs:

Jim Johnson-Walt
Blanchard
Roy Hawkinson-Charles
Gates

In case you rubber players think your averages should be higher, please keep in mind that we use the same base for everyone. In this report there are four weeks, so if you missed a week or two, your recorded average will be much lower than your actual scores would suggest.

Phil Werner

for Don Wagner,
Bridge Chairman

BOWLING

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game for the season are: #12 with 738, #11 with 717, and #7 with 713.

The teams with the high series for the season are: #7 with 2041, #9 with 2013 and #1 and #2 with 2011.

The individual high game and series for the season are: D. Upward, 265; L. Swanson, 257; J. Corey, 244. High series were: D. Upward, 630; R. Swartz, 597; L. Swanson, 596.

The high average bowlers were: B. Henderson and A. Byington, each having a 171 average, and R. Swartz with a 170 and N. Norris, a sub with 173.

The most improved bowler this season over last season was J. Fitzsimmons. He improved his average from 108 to 128 -- unbelievable.

The following bowlers had perfect attendance for the season which was for 30 weeks: G. Kurche, J. Chalmers and Yours Truly, F. DeGrande.

This will be the last bowling report until the 1990-91 season.

I appreciated all those that participated and cooperated during this past season.

See you next September at the new location, Thunderbird Lanes.

THINK BOWLING
Chairman
Fran DeGrande

INVESTMENT GROUP

MERKER NO. 1 IN STOCK GAME

Henry Merker, well tanned from a long stay in Hawaii, found out that he had been the winner in the Investment Study Group's Stock Game.

Not surprisingly, he did it with a couple of pharmaceutical stocks ... Mylan and Upjohn ... raising his original \$100,000 stake to a winning \$109,550.

"But I got out just in time," he said with a smile. "I wouldn't recommend buying them now (as of April 20)." Merker said he stuck to only two stocks because "the more you have, the better the chances of winding up with a loser."

Only 12 of 47 participants in the 1990 Stock Game wound up the competition at \$100,000 or better, the others, in effect, absorbing a loss for the period of the contest.

Following Merker were:

Rick Knudsen	\$105,813
Harry Orton	105,675
Bob Hermann	103,891
Harold Nyberg	102,813
Marsden Hubbard	102,719
Von Dawson	102,359
Alfred Kelly	102,194
Carl Schorn	100,914
Don Rader	100,870
George Hyman	100,391
Blaine Gordon	100,000

COMPUTER GROUP TAKING SHAPE

Let it not be said that the Senior Men's Club is not prepared to move into the 21st Century!

A clear indication that members are alert to changing times came on Wednesday, April 18, when a group of 22 attended the first meeting of the newly-organized Computer Group, under the guidance of Cliff Lundgren.

That meeting was by way of testing whether there would be much interested

in formation of a new group within the club. The answer was positive and a second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, at 2:00 p.m. at The Community House.

If you want to keep up with your kids, it might be a good idea to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the technology that's becoming ever more critical in today's world.

BOYLAN RETURNS FOR TALK ON BONDS

Robert C. Boylan, who proved to be a hit when he spoke to the Investment Study Group in February 1989, will make a repeat appearance on Wednesday, May 9.

His subject: "Maximizing Your Income with Tax-Free Bonds."

Boylan is associate vice president of McDonald and Company Securities, Inc., a Birmingham brokerage firm.

The meeting, scheduled for 2:45 p.m. at The Community House, will be chaired by Robert Struck, a Senior Men's applicant.

The May 9 meeting will wrap up activities for the Investment Study Group until the fall.

CAN SOMEONE MAKE BRAD BALLARD HAPPY?

One thing is certain. Brad Ballard is persistent.

From the time the club returned to The Community House April 6, he has let no meeting pass without another plea for the return of his "brown suede leather cap (by Dobbs)" that was inadvertently taken at the club's last meeting at the First Methodist Church."

He adds:

"Your reward will be the return of your old friend -- your brown suede leather cap (by L. L. Bean)."

Check your brown suede leather cap labels, fellows!

CAMERA GROUP GOES AU NATUREL

Forsaking cities and other places where crowds gather, the Camera Group will see the America that most tourists miss.

Carl Freeman, our club's master birder, will share his view of the country as he has seen it in his searches for birds and nature's other wonders.

His presentation will be made at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, at the newly refurbished Community House.

Members and applicants

HOW TO MAKE POINTS WITH YOUR WIFE!

The time is at hand to make points with the wife!

On Wednesday, May 16, the third annual bridge-luncheon is being sponsored by the club at The Community House.

The event is open to all applicants, too, and it will be a great opportunity for your partner to oh and ah over the newly refurbished Community House auditorium. In addition, she can enjoy a meal she doesn't have to fix and a pleasant afternoon of bridge.

The luncheon, scheduled for 12:15 p.m., is \$11.50 per person. The bridge is free.

Get your tickets early. Seating is limited to 80.

are urged to bring their best gals and other friends.

Incidentally, the secret is out. You'll recall that a great effort was made to hide

the name of the "Venice of the North" as a come-on for April's Camera Group session. For those who have been waiting with bated breath, the answer is: Leningrad!

1990 ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE FOR APPLICANTS

<u>A thru F</u>	<u>G thru L</u>	<u>M thru R</u>	<u>S thru Z</u>
May 4	May 11	May 25	June 1*
June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Sept. 7	Sept. 14	Sept. 21	Sept. 28
Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 19
Nov. 2	Nov. 9	Nov. 16	Nov. 30

* The Club does not meet on May 18 or October 26. There are no meetings in August. Applicants are not eligible to attend December meetings.

Since there is no meeting scheduled for May 18, applicants eligible to attend on that date can come on May 25 instead, if they wish.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Muir Frey, Life Member, will be 90 years old May 1.

Herb Nette, Life Member, will be 90 years old May 21.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Tex Thorson May 1

Lyman Jillson May 9

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Rattner, Joseph W. 3076 Gloucester	4/90 Tr	643-7536 48084	Henry Barsley
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DEATHS

Eugene Scala, who joined in March 1986

Marcel DeSmet, who joined in July, 1978

TRANSFERRED from Associate Member to Active Member:

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REINSTATED as Member on Leave of Absence:

William Alston Cooke