

The Reminder



Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

JULY 1998

JULY CHAIRMAN: DON JENSEN

3 Speaker: Dr. L. J. Dragovic, Oakland County Medical Examiner
Subject: "The Role of the County Medical Examiner Including Controversial Issues"

Applicants invited A - D

10 Speaker: Rick Kaufman, General Manager, SMART
Subject: "How Smart is SMART?"

Applicants invited E - K

17 Speaker: John Jamian, Executive Director, Detroit Wayne County Port Authority
Subject: "Detroit Port Authority"

Applicants invited L - Q

24 Speaker: L. Brooks Patterson, County Executive
Subject: "Oakland County's Economic Outlook"

Applicants invited R - Z

31 Speaker: George Kuhn, Drain Commissioner
Subject: "Combined Sewer Overflow Success Story"

Applicants invited A - D

Discussion Groups

JUNE CHAIRMAN: ANDY SPENCER

July 3 Speaker: Edward C. Conley
Topic: "On Our Nation's Birthday"

July 10 Speaker: Phillip L. Werner
Topic: "Senior Men's Club — 46 Years — Now What?"

July 17 Speaker: Norris F. Lee, member American Civil Liberties Union
Topic: "The Reality of Rights"

July 24 Speaker: Leslie Drolet, Director, Community Relations, The Community House
Topic: "The Community House — This is the Place for You!"

July 31 Speaker: Charles Stenback, Vice President, Private Banking, Comerica Bank
Topic: "Estate Planning — 1998"

Conley Leader In Nation's Defense And Community

By Paul Pentecost

What is Ed Conley, retired U.S. Army officer and retired chief financial officer of Lamn Technicon, a \$6 billion worldwide company, doing in retirement?

He's continuing a lifelong interest in history with particular emphasis on the Civil War.

Conley, a native of Niagara Falls, NY, had no ancestors in the Civil War. In fact, the Conley family wasn't even in this country in 1861. And it wasn't until he married his wife Dorothy after World War II that he found out that her great-grandfather was in the Fourth Michigan Infantry Division in the Civil War.

"Rather," he said, "it was an interest in history that developed early and expanded to cover not only the Civil War but also World War I and World War II."

With MacArthur in Pacific

An officer in U.S. Army intelligence in World War II, Conley served in North Africa and the European Theater and later on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's staff in the Pacific.

Included was a stint at the University of Michigan as part of a team that was planning the invasion of the Japanese home islands and also learning Japanese. It was at UM that he met Dorothy, a Detroit native.

Conley retired from the Army with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Although his college major at Columbia University was in accounting, he took courses in history. He also was a paid campus correspondent for Associated Press.

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Golfers Increase Birdies Plus a Duck

Big news for Club golfers this summer will be the scramble on July 14 at the Heathers Golf Club of Bloomfield Hills.

Members and applicant golfers, as well as bridge players, are invited to participate in this popular event.

The test for golfers is a challenging nine-hole course located in the Heathers condo complex on Square Lake Road between Opdyke and Squirrel Roads.

"Only 60 men can be accommodated for golf, so get your tickets early," says Bill Corba of the Special Events Committee.

Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start for golfers at 9 a.m. Spikeless or soft-spike shoes are required.

Prices are \$30 for breakfast, nine holes of golf and lunch. Carts are available at \$6.50 per person. For bridge players, lunch is \$12.

Golf moved to center stage in May and regular and applicant play is turning out stellar performances.

REGULAR GOLF

Ten weeks of golf and only one bad day weatherwise, boasts Ray Swartz about the regular Golf League play at Springdale.

"Birdies have been very scarce this year. Joe Chalmers had the shot of the year thus far, holing his third shot on the 9th hole — 100 yards — for an eagle three.

Harry Cyphers was closest to the pin on the 6th hole - at four feet, five inches.

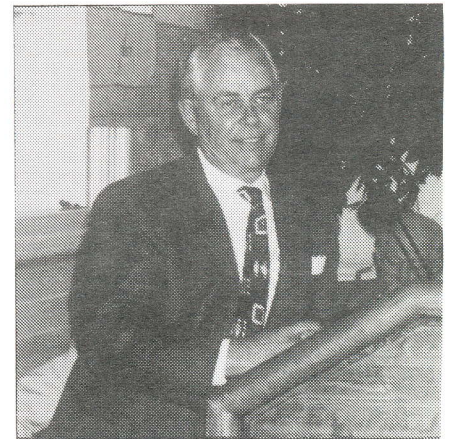
"But the biggest birdie of the year thus far," says Ray, "was the goose Gene Hess hit on the 1st fairway. Fortunately for all, the goose revived and staggered away. Tough ducks around here!"

APPLICANT GOLF

Applicant golfers racked up significant improvements in their play from mid-May to mid-June, according to John Dudash.

Seven birdies were scored during this period. Don Upward got two and Murray Binkley, Bob Babcock, Ralph Caralin, Fran DeGrande and Bob Jordan scored one.

Chrysler's Eaton Speaks



Chrysler Chairman Bob Eaton answers questions following his June 5 talk. Among topics covered were the merger with Daimler-Benz and the possibilities of other mergers in the auto industry. He also showed some of the latest Chrysler products.

Bowlers Alert!

The 1998 bowling season begins Sept. 21, opening a 30-game schedule at Thunderbird Lanes with 9:15 a.m. starting times.

All Club members — regular and applicant — are invited to participate.

A sign-up sheet for new members will be posted on the Club bulletin board Sept. 1. You may also call Bert Henderson at 647-1410 or Ray Latovich at 852-7672 for further information.

Slide Show on Haiti

SMC member Harold Stanton will give a slide presentation on "Haiti Development" to the Camera Group at 2 p.m. July 14. It will focus on his experience in Haiti over the United Methodist Conference of Eastern Michigan.

Dick Anderson again was low scorer at 38. Four golfers scored 40's: Anderson, Bill Denyes, DeGrande, Dennis Kozak, Joe Maertens.

Closest to the pin contest: Bob Hinz with three feet and Don Upward at three feet, six inches.

Nominations Open For Distinguished Service Award 1998

Past President Gordon Henderson is looking for "A few good men" as nominees for Senior Men's Club Distinguished Service Award for 1998.

Any member of the Club may nominate another member for the award. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Policy Committee, chaired by Henderson and should include the reasons why the member deserves this honor.

Participation and leadership in Club activities are a major factor in determining the winners, Henderson said. Deadline for nominations is September 15.

Sixteen men have received this prestigious award since its establishment in 1988. John Prior and Jim Lowman were 1997 recipients.

Hostesses with 20 years of service also are eligible, with six ladies being so honored.

Annual Picnic Aug. 7 At Pontiac Yacht Club

The annual summer picnic will be held on Aug. 7 at the Pontiac Yacht Club on the South Side of Cass Lake, according to co-chairmen Bill Corba and Roger Struck.

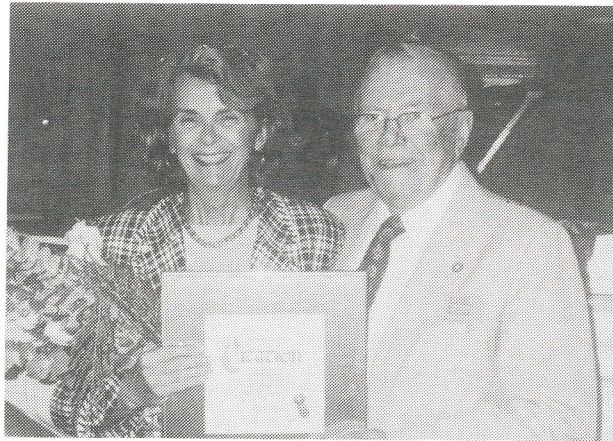
All SMC members are invited to participate in one of the Club's most popular events which will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 which Struck says "includes food, prizes, bridge, discussion group and mucho fellowship — all in a beautiful lakeside setting." Tickets go on sale July 10.

Jim Lowman's staff will be handling the cooking and John Horiszny's crew will help with cleanup.

Other members of the planning committee include John Caldwell, medical consultant; Ed Conley, discussion leader; Ernie Bergan, name tag director; Dick Heldt, bridge coordinator; Harry Cyphers, parking superintendent and Bill Minard, coffee commander.

Colwell Wins Distinguished Service Award



Gale Colwell was given the Distinguished Service Award and a bouquet of roses on June 19 in recognition of her strong support of the SMC during her 15 years as The Community House director. President King Ruhly made the award.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings:

Paul Cusick, 92 on July 3.
Paul Kurth, 90 on July 5.
Ralph Smith, 90 on July 24.

John Taylor, 91 on July 29.
George Snider, 94 on Aug. 5.
John Hoffman, 97 on Aug. 15.

Associate Member Birthdays:

Stan Fiol on July 24.

John Schafer on Aug. 30.

Became Life Member:

Nate Mills, who joined in Sept. 1978.

Change of Address:

Theodore Olson, 1154 Hillpointe Circle, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 852-1469.

Address Correction:

William S. Kenyon, 6500 Costero Blvd., #116, Ft. Meyers Beach, FL 33931.

Deaths:

James Flack, Life Member, who joined in Sept. 1972.

New Members:

Delos, John S., 7431 Cathedral, Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 851-0685.

Sponsor: King Ruhly.

Dudash, John G., (Gladys), 31054 Pickwick, Beverly Hills, 48025, 644-5273. Sponsor: Fran DeGrande.

Frye, Russell B., (Nancy), 1205 S. Bates, Birmingham, 48009, 647-1785. Sponsor: Julius Falke.

Jones, Edgar D., (Avonelle), 18580 Hillcrest, Beverly Hills, 48025, 646-5982. Sponsor: Roger Gaskill.

New Applicants:

Champlin, Robert D., (Mary Elizabeth), 31038 Huntley Sq. E., Apt. 208, Beverly Hills, 48025, 644-0159. Sponsor: Jim Tedesco.

Knotts, John R., (Gloria), 31282 W. Rutland, Beverly Hills, 48025, 647-8374. Sponsor: Alan Cobleigh.

McDonald, Richard W., 15859 Buckingham, Beverly Hills, 48025, 642-6908. Sponsor: Paul McGovern.

Sheean, Michael D., (Kathleen), 31728 Auburn Dr., Beverly Hills, 48025, 642-7731. Sponsor: Bob Bannon.

Streiff, Thomas P., (Patricia), 32428 Madison, Beverly Hills, 48025, 540-9044. Sponsor: George Hilfinger.

--Walt Meyers & Bob Babcock

Dates to Remember

The calendar for July and August is as follows:

July 14: Golf Scramble at Heathers, Breakfast at 8, tee-off at 9 a.m.

Camera Club, 2 p.m.

July 15: Executive Board, 9:30 a.m.

Golf: July and August. Regular members at Springdale 9 a.m. Thursdays.

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

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

Aug. 7: Annual Picnic, Pontiac Yacht Club, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Deadline for September REMINDER: Aug. 21.

Hadley Wins YMCA "Golden Oldie" Award



Bob Hadley was selected for the 1998 "Golden Oldie" Award of the Birmingham YMCA for "outstanding service to the community. Jan Waters, YMCA development director, made the award.

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Visited Battle Sites

He polished his Civil War interest by a visit to most of the major Civil War battlefields, including a visit to Ft. Sumter, S.C. in April.

He joined the Senior Men's Club in 1985 after retiring from Lamb Technicon. He has been active in a number of club activities and is in demand as a speaker.

Conley also has been a Greenfield Village volunteer since 1985. His activities include helping to install the Village's computer system, running the electric train at Christmas time and serving as a Docent.

Conley was the honored speaker at Birmingham's Memorial Day ceremonies on May 25.

Blue Dot Identifies Former Presidents

If you've been having trouble fitting names of former SMC presidents with name badges and faces, it'll be easier from now on.

At Executive Board meetings, members discussed a variety of ways in which former presidents would stand out in meetings. There was talk of designing "President's Pins," special colored name badges or lightweight crowns.

But calm heads prevailed. You can spot the former presidents by a small blue dot above their names on the name card. Blue, after all, is a mark of royalty and they certainly deserve that!

Lugers and Rawley Top Bridge Scorers

Herb Lugers was high scorer in contract bridge and Joe Rawley was tops in duplicate play for the May-June period.

CONTRACT

Herb Lugers	4240
Jack Frailey	3940
Steve Van Denbrook	3610
Bert Van Kempen	3570

DUPLICATE

Joe Rawley	72%
Frank Barnes	69%
Denny Fitzpatrick	69%
Jim Peters	61%

Photo Exhibit Set For October 23

The Camera Group will sponsor the third annual Photo Exhibit to be held Oct. 23 in The Community House.

Harold Brown, exhibit chairman, said this year's show will feature current work of members and he encouraged all photographers to begin thinking about their "best shots" to share at the fall show.

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