

The Reminder

October 2005

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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Good Fortune - John

Past president John Spomer, who recently left Birmingham to reside in West Plains, Missouri, was honored at a recent meeting for the superb work he accomplished for the Men's Club during his years of service. He was president of the Men's Club in 1987, awarded the outstanding service award in 1999, served on the Nomination Committee for many years, and was a Life Member, but his greatest achievement was starting the collection for the Oakland County Children's Village.

With an entourage of past presidents John was escorted to the podium to receive a fond farewell card, signed by all the members in attendance, from President Jack McLaughlin. In addition, John was presented a men's club hat with the new logo to constantly remind him of the Men's Club at his new location.



In his final speech at the club, John asked all members to partake in the activities of the Men's Club by joining one of the various committees, to obtain the full enjoyment of being a member. Good luck and many happy days, John.

—Bill Reilly



OCTOBER PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER CHAIRMAN: Don Jensen

- 7 L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive "Wireless Oakland"
- 14 Joe Knollenberg, U.S. Congressman "Inside Washington"
- 21 NO MEETING
- 28 Kenneth Cockrell, President Pro Tem, Detroit City Council "Detroit's Future"

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

OCTOBER CHAIRMAN: Rich Wehling

- 4 Al Eicher, SMC Member "Lumbering in Michigan"

OCTOBER DISCUSSIONS

SEPTEMBER CHAIRMAN: Riggs Miller

- 7 Michael J. Whims, Michigan Assoc. of Railroad Passengers "Prognosis of Train Travel in the USA"
- 14 Chuck Amann, SMC Member "Future Fuels: Bumps on the Hydrogen Highway"
- 21 NO MEETING
- 28 David D. Shufelt, Jr., RFC, CSA, Golden Rule "The Spectrum of Long-Term Care Financing Solutions"

NOVEMBER DISCUSSIONS

OCTOBER CHAIRMAN: Don Cox

- 4 Marshall Wallich, Custom Golf Club Maker "Hybrid Golf Clubs"

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Birthdays of Associate Members and Members on Leave of Absence:

Frank Cancro, Lv of Abs., will be 73 on Oct. 4
Walter Williams, Lv of Abs., will be 87 on Oct. 5
Ernie Bergan, Associate and Past Pres. ('02), will be 83 on Oct. 7
Dick Glass, Associate, will be 72 on Oct. 8

Special Birthday Greetings for Life and Active Members 85 or Older:

Murphy Shell, will be 85 on Oct. 2
Joe Kern, LIFE Member, will be 90 on Oct 3
Howard Chapman, LIFE Member, will be 88 on Oct. 4
John Kary will be 90 on Oct. 4
Don Boucher, LIFE Member, will be 86 on Oct. 8
Dr. John Caldwell, LIFE Member & Past Pres. ('99) will be 87 on Oct. 11
Chuck Morse, LIFE Member will be 90 on Oct. 11
Omer Petti, LIFE Member, will be 89 on Oct. 13
Don Grant will be 89 on Oct 14
Dave Zimmer, LIFE Member, will be 88 on Oct. 16
Frank Allen will be 85 on Oct. 17
Bert Swanson, LIFE Member, will be 88 on Oct. 18
George Peters, LIFE Member, will be 86 on Oct. 22
Jack Fawcett will be 85 on Oct. 24
George Fraumann, LIFE Member will be 92 on Oct. 29

Change of Address:

Life Member, **Scott Purvis**,
2450 Watkins Lake Road #211, Waterford, MI 48328-1475 (248)618-9199
Active Member, **T. Leonard (Len) Terry**,
41120 Fox Run Road #410, Novi, MI 48377-4826 (248) 669-6348
Active Member, **Russ McCarty**,
1200 Earhart Road #343D, Ann Arbor, MI 48105-2768 (248)769-6955
Active Member, **Robert J. (Bob) Donohue**,
747 W. Frank Street, Birmingham, MI 48009-1438

LOA Member Reinstated:

Walter C. Reinke

Withdrawals:

Applicant **Theodore R. Fredley**
Applicant **Peter H. Russell**

Dropped:

Applicant **Ray F. Fleming**



New Applicants:

Golden E. Hullinger, (June)
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Sponsor: Eugene R. Winters

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2109 Joanne Drive,
Troy, 48084-1130, 248-643-8073
E-mail: ThomasJ433@aol.com
Sponsor: William F. Peschel

C. Ben Mangiapane, (Cheryl)
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Bloomfield Hills, 48301-3327, 248-644-5776
E-mail: B.Mangiapane@hlgllc.com
Sponsor: William J. Bettisworth

Richard A. Steele
1450 Trailwood Path #D,
Bloomfield Hills, 48301-1745, 248-932-0103
E-mail: R.A.Steele@sbcglobal.net
Sponsor: John C. Caldwell

Deaths:

LOA Member, **Leon A. Snapp**, joined March 1999
Life Member, **Baldwin J. Sinnaeve**, joined November 1971

—Bil Peschel and Jim D'Allemand

Bowling Report

The season started with 41 bowlers in attendance on September 12 and welcomed new bowler Ben Mangiapane.

Nick Marinelli bowled a 248 game and a 573 series to lead all bowlers.

Phil Buccini bowled a 222 game along with a 202 game to lead all bowlers with a 590 series and a 196 average.

Four teams are sharing the lead with six points. They are:

Cardinals: Bill Denyes, Bill Minard, Tom Clapp and Nick Marinelli.

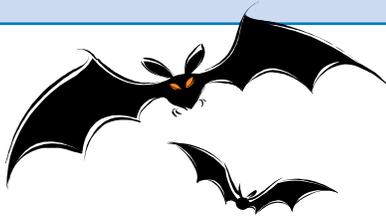
Eagles: Bill Sprague, Lee Case, Dennis Kozak, and Phil Buccini.

Giants: Frank Garland, Cliff Dean, Don Clark and Bob Jordan.

Jets: Bruce Smiey, Dave Dinger, Don Doty and Bill Reilly.

Wednesday practice sessions will continue at 9:45 for the entire season. New bowlers are always welcome.

—Dennis Kozak



THE REMINDER

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 street, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

Officers for 2005 are: John McLaughlin, president; Frank Barnes, first vice president; Bill Johnson, second vice president; Ken Urwiller, recording secretary; Bob Pullar, corresponding secretary; Bill Minard, treasurer; Don Foehr, assistant treasurer; William H. Crabtree, parliamentarian; Bob Gualdoni and Roy Halmhuber, officers at large.

The Reminder includes: Chuck Kirkpatrick, editor; Dick Harper, Paul Pentecost, Bill Reilly, Dick Davis, associate editors; Bob Hadley and John Dudash, photography; Kim Duenow and Lee Trumbull, computer layout; Bob Jordan and Bert Swanson, mailing.

2005 Community House Fund Drive

The Senior Men's Club is the primary user and a major contributor to the Community



House. Our contributions are essential to the continuing operations of the facility and its outreach programs because it receives no government or United Way funding. There is no other facility available in the area that can match it for space, access, staff support and convenience. It is truly our "home away from home."

Our contribution goal this year is \$ 65,000 and 100% participation. To date, we are substantially behind in both areas with pledges totaling \$ 36,000 from 333 members (both Active and Applicant). The good news is that we still have time to correct the situation.

The members and applicants who have not pledged as yet in 2005 will be receiving another Fund Drive donation request letter late in September. The letter further explains the needs of the Community House and will include a pledge card and return envelope. Please join your fellow club members in supporting this important campaign.

Your contribution is 100% tax deductible if you itemize. The Community House will automatically send you a letter acknowledging your gift, which is your supporting documentation for tax purposes. Please note on the pledge card or your check the words "Senior Men's Club." This aids us in crediting your commitment. Once you pledge, we won't be sending you another appeal letter this year.

We need everyone to step up to the plate and support this fabulous facility and its outreach programs.

Thank you.

Jim Schaefer

Attendance Alert!

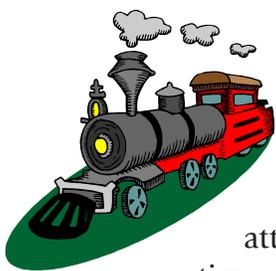
Including October 7, there are EIGHT meetings left in 2005: October 7, 14, 28; November 4, 11, 18 and December 2 and 9.

—Attendance Committee

PLAN AHEAD!

Riggs Miller has arranged for some interesting topics that will take a look into the future. These Discussion Group presentations are held after lunch every Friday from 12:45 until 1:30 p.m. You are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings whether you want to join in the discussion or just simply listen. The schedule of topics and presenters is on the front cover of *The Reminder* each month.

The discussion at the first meeting in October will be led by a return visit of the chairman of the Michigan association of railroad passengers. He will give us an update on Amtrak activity in the state and the US including the status of high-speed rail corridors from Chicago to Detroit. The second meeting will feature one of our own SMC members who is retired from General Motors. He will discuss replacements for oil and the unresolved problems of the battery-electric car, and hydrogen fuel cells. After skipping a meeting, the final discussion in October will cover the most up-to-date information on long-term care funding and other options.



Plan ahead to spend an hour of your time after lunch on Fridays at the Discussion Group meetings. All members, applicants, and friends are welcome to attend. This is guaranteed to be time well spent.

—Irv Poston

MYSTERY SONG LYRICS

Four *Reminder* readers correctly identified last month's mystery lyrics

*"Like a summer with a thousand Julys
You intoxicate my soul with your eyes"*

as being from the classic *You Go To My Head* (Note that two of the four were member's wives!)

In order of receipt, they were Bill Sprague (a repeat winner), Jody O'Brien (wife of John), Sherm Vine and Pat Smith (wife of Dick).

We continue to receive good suggestions for future mystery lyrics - some fairly easy, others rather difficult. We have selected the following for this month.

*"How far would I travel to be where you are
How far is the journey from here to a star"*

Can you "name that tune"? (They don't write lyrics like that anymore, do they?) Send your answer to *The Reminder*.

—Dick Harper

Special Events

Attention World War II veterans, history buffs, and classic car enthusiasts!

To borrow a line from Lee Iacocca "Ok, here's the deal," on October 18, we will depart at 7:45 a.m. hours by bus from the First Presbyterian Church to Auburn, Indiana where we will spend the day at the World War II Victory Museum and the Kruse Automotive and Carriage Museum, all located in the same building. Our experience will be enhanced by knowledgeable guides, and we will enjoy a box lunch midday.

The WWII Victory Museum, established in 1999, contains one of the world's most impressive collections of artifacts from WWII. It includes approximately 150 vehicles, hundreds of uniforms, weapons, and other artifacts. Many of the pieces shown are rare and the only known survivors of military hardware.

The Kruse Automotive and Carriage Museum currently houses 115 vehicles of different styles. Here you will find classic cars, carriages, race cars, famous television and movie cars, and even the Batmobile! Also included is a unique Television History Museum.

We will wrap up the day's historical adventure with a prime rib dinner at the world famous Schuler's restaurant in Marshall and plan to get you home by 9:15 p.m. A preview of this adventure can be seen on the Internet at www.WWIIvictory.org.

Ticket sales begin at 9:15 a.m. on September 23 and the total cost is \$53 per person.

—Riggs Miller, Art Pope and Clarke Thornton



The Village and the Jug

We hope that the October issue of *The Reminder* will reach you before September 30. That's when the amazing jug will again perform its equally amazing achievement.

Yes, we will again pass the jug to receive your contributions for "John's kids" at the Oakland County Children's Village.

Yes, we are well aware of the countless requests you receive each day in the mail and by telephone to support other worthy causes, hurricane Katrina, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, your old school, etc...This year the need is greater than ever. Budget restrictions at the county mean that our gifts to the kids of the Village are more important than ever.

We have met our goal of \$6500 (no increase for inflation) for the past three years and we can do it again. As you search your conscience and available assets please keep in mind:

These are your kids not some other inner city kids.



Every cent we collect goes to the kids, there are no administrative costs.

You will receive full a full deduction.

You will greatly enhance the quality of life for many troubled children.

If you will not be with us on the 30th please send a generous check made out to Oakland County Children's Village to:

Phil Werner

6810 Orinoco Circle

Bloomfield, MI 48301

And thank you for your support.

—Phil Werner

Seldom, very seldom does complete truth belong to any human disclosure; seldom can it happen that something is not a little disguised, or a little mistaken.

- Jane Austen, *Emma*

Annual Christmas Party

The annual Senior Men's Club Christmas Dinner Party is scheduled for Wednesday evening, December 14, at the Birmingham Community House. This popular couples program is one of the annual highlights of the Special Events Committee and offers an enjoyable evening of good food, entertainment and fellowship.

Tickets go on sale Friday, November 18 at 9:15 a.m. at \$33 each. Seating is limited to 216 persons total, or 8 persons each at 27 tables. Table selection is by your choice through the Seating Committee, or by random assignment.

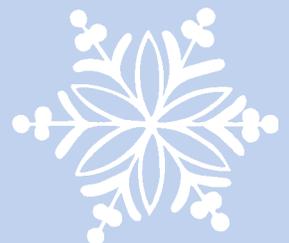
The evening's entertainment will feature the return of Mark Vondrak, Baritone, co-starring Maria Cimrella, Soprano. Both widely acclaimed vocalists will be accompanied by Amanda Sabelhous, pianist, and will present classical, pop and seasonal music that we all cherish and enjoy.

This program returns by popular demand following last year's highly successful Christmas dinner performance.

Also being offered again this year is the dinner menu by The Community House Executive Chef Peter Engelhardt. The entree option will be beef tenderloin medallions or baked superior whitefish, with the complete dinner including dessert. Service will be in our beautiful ballroom decorated in the Christmas motif.

Plan now to get your tickets and table reservations early for this once a year event.

—John Reddy and Clarke Thornton



READERS GROUP NURTURES CAMARADERIE

The Executive Board formally approves the establishment of the SMC Readers Group at the meeting of September 20. The group has been meeting informally since February, and it has discussed seven books, the most recent being *Bel Canto*.



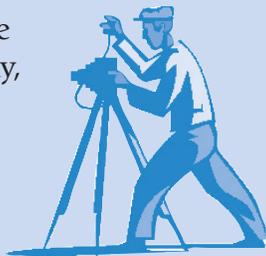
As one can imagine, each book provokes a variety of likes and dislikes that enrich the discussions. A result is that participants enjoy a deeper knowledge and understanding of one another. Sustained activity by the 17 participants, and signs of growing interest, suggests creation of a second group. Based on our pilot program experience, any subsequent group will be encouraged to develop its own guidelines and operating procedures. The key is for the participants to believe that their interests are reflected in the group's book selection.

If you are interested, contact John Reddy at JWReddy2005@sbcglobal.net, or phone (248)645-1874. You are encouraged, also, to contact participants of the current group and get their opinions. The participants include: Al Bosley, Ted Chapekis, Tom Clapp, Jack Cotton, Bill Crabtree, Jaap Delevie, Bob Donohue, John Ellis, Dick Halsted, Bud Hardenbrook, Gene Jacoby, Bob Kirsammer, Jack McLaughlin, John O'Brien, Bill Peirce, Marc Twinney, and John Reddy.

—John Reddy

Camera Group

The October meeting of the Camera Group will be Tuesday, October 25 at 2 p.m. in the Community House, instead of October 11, because the speaker, Jaap Delevie, will be in Europe on that earlier date.



His talk and video will be on Burgundy and its role as the center of medieval Christianity and Benedictine monasteries. Members, applicants and friends are welcome.

—Robert Lyle

REMINDER COLOR

Last month we initiated the use of color in the on-line version of *The Reminder*. Color dresses up our publication and it is at no additional cost.

We hoped that using color would convince more members and applicants who are on-line to drop the printed version of *The Reminder* and go e-mail only, to reduce the Club's printing and postage costs. The initial response has been impressive, with 25 additional recipients dropping the mailed version, for a revised total of more than 110.

Take a look at the colorized *Reminder* in your e-mail or on the bulletin board at the Community House — maybe you will change to e-mail only distribution.

—Chuck Kirkpatrick

Behind the Magic- 50 Years of Disneyland



Mark your calendar: Wednesday, November 9 is the date. The Senior Men and their spouses are in for a real treat. Disneyland is coming to the Henry Ford Museum in a first-of-a-kind special exhibit of what helped to create Disneyland 50 years ago.

An amazing collection of artifacts including never-before-seen original artwork, models, drawings, character sculpture and more will be shown.

- Step aboard authentic Fantasyland ride vehicles from Peter Pan's Flight and Mr. Toad's Wild Ride.
- View up close Disney's 1st Audio-Animatronics figure Abraham Lincoln.
- Experience the magic behind the Haunted Museum, Toontown, Space Mountain, Jungle Cruise and more.

A full luncheon including dessert follows at the famous City Tavern Center. This is one event you won't want to miss. Tickets go on sale October 14 and are on a first come, first served basis. Value priced at \$47 per person, including deluxe motor coach transportation. For further details see Bob Gualdoni, Jack Howell or John O'Brien.

—John J. O'Brien

The Gridiron of Life

There are fumbles, dropped balls and missed tackles but the game goes on. So it is with the "Golden Oldies," life members of the Senior Men's Club, our most prestigious segment. They have had missed opportunities, disappointments and sometimes defeats, but they have always picked themselves up and moved onward and upward in life.

The three members, Murphy Shell, Frank Allen and Jack Fawcett who will be inducted into Life Membership in October are great examples of the above statement.

All three had many years taken from their youth valiantly serving in the armed forces but all three returned to civilian life and successful careers.

Murphy Shell will become a Life Member at the September 30 meeting. Murphy was the third child in a family of nine children. He graduated from Hadley Technical High School in St. Louis where he studied to be an electrician. He worked as a maintenance mechanic until he joined the Army Air Corps in 1940. Murphy was assigned to a mobile training unit traveling across the country instructing how to maintain the engine on a P-51 Mustang. After crossing the Pacific Ocean, he served in China and India. Murphy returned to the U.S. via the Mediterranean and Atlantic Ocean in 1945. It took him one year to sail around the world. Returning home, he used the G.I. Bill and graduated from Wayne State with an electrical engineering degree. Murphy worked at Park Davis and Company, G.M. Ternstedt and as head of electrical engineering at the G.M. Tech Center and he retired in 1980 at the age of 60.

He lives in Birmingham with his wife Mary and has four grown children. Murphy, you will ensure no blackouts in "Golden Oldie" land.



The second member to be inducted into life membership in October is Frank M. Allen. Frank was born in Lorain, Ohio and later moved to Norwal, Ohio where he graduated from high school. Sponsored by Cleveland Diesel Engine, Frank graduated with an engineering degree from General Motors Institute in 1943. Shortly after graduation, he was accepted in the U.S. Naval Reserve officer training program and after completing the course was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve. His war travels brought him to New Caledonia, the Philippines and Tokyo. After his discharge, Frank returned to Cleveland Diesel Engine, later transferring to the Chevrolet division - engineering and to G.M. overseas

operations to aid in the transmission program. During Frank's time at G.M. overseas, he served one year in Germany and three months in Australia. His final assignment was at the G.M. engineering staff where he aided in analyzing and resolving design related deficiencies in G.M. Fleet vehicles. Frank, the "Golden Oldies" await your analytical skills.

The third member to be inducted into Life Membership in October is Jack L. Fawcett. Jack was born in Pontiac and his family moved to Wing Lake in 1925. He graduated from Baldwin High School in 1940 where he met his wife Shirley in a civics class. They have been married 64 years. Jack was discharged in 1945. Jack was a telephone lineman and landed on Normandy Beach about 10 days after D Day. He laid wire in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany, during which he earned five battle stars. After his discharge, Jack attended Electronic Institute and worked for Pontiac Motor. He was hired by the city of Birmingham in 1947 in the water meter department. After 11 years, he went to the police department as parking meter supervisor where he worked for 25 years. Retiring in 1983, Jack worked for the city of Birmingham for a total 36 years and his wife Shirley worked for the city of Birmingham for 38 years. Jack is the only individual in city history to have worked in the 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Jack - free parking awaits you in "Golden Oldie" land.



—Bill Reilly

Extra-Extra (Late Breaking News)

How could we have missed it? Jean Batts who became a life member at the September 23rd meeting, had to inform the Database Committee he was eligible to become a "Golden Oldie" in September. Somehow our database had the wrong year for Jean's birthday in its file. However there was no panic, Jean is a "Golden Oldie," only we have a late narrative for the Reminder.

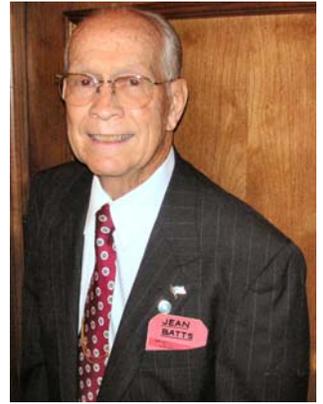
Jean was born in Circleville, Ohio fifty miles north of Indianapolis. In early childhood, measles destroyed his left eardrum, leaving him ineligible for military service. Employed at United States Rubber Company, Jean worked his way through Butler University earning a B.S. Degree in Chemistry and soon after graduation was put in charge of a newly formed research team. Thirty-six patent applications were filed in his name and twenty were issued as patents.

After Jean joined the Men's Club in 1990, he worked with distinction on various committees and was chairman of many of these committees. His most significant contribution to the club and for which he was awarded the Outstanding Service Award in 2001, was the updating of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham Manual of Procedures for Committee and Group Chairmen. Jean worked long and hard to get this manual approved by the Executive Board.

Jean and his childhood sweetheart, Jean Harlow, were married in 1944 and recently celebrated their 61st anniversary.

The "Golden Oldies" await Jean and his manual, knowing he will keep all in order.

—Bill Reilly



It Was a Great Year (Thursday Golf)

What a great year. Did you participate? To celebrate this exceptional year (great weather, increased attendance and terrific golf scores) the Senior's Men's golf banquet will be held October 13, 2005 at The Community House at 6:00 p.m. A cash bar will be available and dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. The cost for this great event is \$20. Prizes will be awarded after dinner.

As the ladies league completed its schedule, earlier tee times are available, and the weather at this time of the year could not be better. The heat and humidity have disappeared. Gentle breezes and sunshine are in abundance. The golfers await your presence.

As of this time we have not been notified if Springdale will close this year at the end of October and we would move to Lincoln Hills. There is a chance Springdale will stay open and the Men's Club would continue to play the course until the snow flies. You will be advised when a decision has been made.

The annual Thursday golf tournament was held the last two weeks of August and the first week in September. The winners were:

Low Total Score: Kirby Callam and Roy Halmhuber (79)

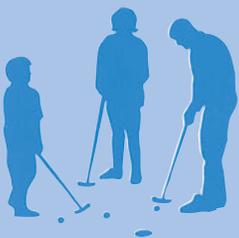
Championship Flight: Roy Halmhuber (58), Al Wood (59), Rich Wehling (62)

A flight: Ken Urwiller (57), Bob Clements (58), Pete Good (59)

B flight: Tom Schrift (53), Bob Babcock (61), Tom Buescher (62)

C flight: Bob Serazin (52), Gus Grozdon (54), Pete Mehra (60)

The prizes will be awarded at the gold banquet.



—Bill Reilly

Hey Men! Read This!

Tips on Preparing for an SMCB Special Event

The SMC Special Events Committee programs are proving increasingly popular. Events are selected on your committee's best assessment of the activities most likely to interest SMC members and applicants.

Restaurant service limitations, venue capacity and rules determine the permissible size of event participation. Additional 56-passenger buses can be rented, but these decisions are based on a best guess of membership interest and the aforementioned limiting factors.

Generally, events are open to members and a single companion. In situations where event tickets are pre-purchased and member sales fall short of expectation, participation will be opened to members' friends and guests.

Ticket sales start at 9:15 on those days publicized in *The Reminder* and at regular meeting announcements. The preferred practice is for each member to purchase his own tickets. Members unable to attend the meetings when tickets are on sale should seek a surrogate, but purchases will be limited to four per person. This procedure simply facilitates accurate record keeping and speedier service at the sales desk.

Tickets are issued only upon receipt of the total cash amount, or a properly filled out check. To speed ticket selling, checks should be made out in advance of approaching the ticket table. Make out all checks to SMCB.

CANCELLATIONS: Members who have purchased tickets and cannot use them will be given the name of the SMCB member next on the "Wait List." It is the responsibility of those members to arrange for exchange of tickets and the transfer of checks. The Events Committee cannot, for obvious reasons of fixed financial obligations, refund money, except in instances where the event co-chairmen determine that circumstances are truly extraordinary.

Great effort is made to organize events so that they are offered at the lowest possible price. Your cooperation in planning your event participation carefully will make it easier to control event prices and for fellow SMCB members to enjoy the activity.

—Presented in the interest of better service by your SMCB Special Events Committee

Investment Group

The Investment Group will meet Wednesday, October 12 at 2:45 p.m. in The Community House.

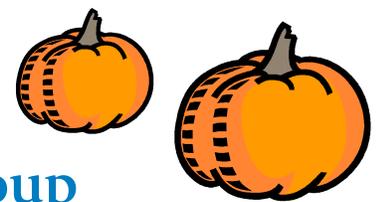
Our guest speaker is Subrata Ghosh Ph.D.. Dr. Ghosh is an Investment Advisor for Century 21 . The title of his presentation is "Can charting help you with your investment decisions". Come and hear the good and bad about charting.



All SMC Members, applicants, their spouses and guests are invited to our October

—Ted Chapekis

Computer Group



Many of us use our computers to find information that will help us make investment decisions. On October 26, Jack Vanders, who has helped us find and use various computer programs, will help us find ways to use our computers to improve our investment returns. This meeting is of special interest to members of the Investment Group as well as the Computer Group.

The meeting will start at 3:00 o'clock on Wednesday, October 19, here at the Community House.

Bring friends and your spouse.

—George Nordenholt

Fourth Annual Ray Swartz Golf Outing

Fifty four Senior Men's Club golfers traveled to the Stoneycroft Hills Club to enjoy the beautiful golf course and participate in a great day of golf. This event honors Ray Swartz who was an outstanding games chairman and golf chairman for many years.

The day began with an excellent continental breakfast that gave the golfers tremendously high hopes prior to the challenge of the course. After the first swings, many hopes were dashed.

After the competition of the golf game, prizes were awarded. The winning team was Stoneycroft past president Don Upward, Men's Club president Don Clark, Bob Jordon, Jim Leese, Bill Spreitzer and Tom Waffen. Closest to the pin was won by Al Roberts.

Following the excellent light lunch, the senior men enthusiastically applauded the Stoneycroft members for their great hospitality and the attractiveness of their club house. Honored Guest Ray Swartz greeted all present and related how he missed everybody. He described his life in Ohio and his continued loyalty to the Men's Club.

The Men's Club wishes to extend their grateful appreciation to Ben Smith for his efforts in making this event a success and wish him a quick recovery from his illness.



—Bill Reilly



CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2005, 9:30 a.m.

Reminder Deadline: Friday, October 14, 2005

Bowling: Monday, 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. at Thunderbird Lanes

Bridge: Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. and Fridays after lunch.

Golf: Thursday, 9:00 a.m. at Springdale Golf Course.

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

Dues Reminder

We are asking that all Dues be paid by January 1, 2006.

Amount of dues are as follows:

Active \$35, Associate \$15, Member on Leave \$15, Applicant \$20

Checks should be payable to SMCB and may be paid at the regular Friday meeting or mailed to:

The Community House
380 S. Bates Street
Birmingham, MI 48009

Attention: Senior Men's Club Dues

All donations will be gladly accepted.

—Warren Spatz

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REMINDER READER SURVEY

The Reminder staff is asking readers to complete this questionnaire to:

- Tell us how we are doing in keeping you informed about Club activities.
- Evaluate specific *Reminder* articles and features.
- Suggest ways to improve *The Reminder* content and reader interest.

“Open end” comments can be particularly helpful. Questionnaires can be returned at Friday meetings (reception area) or mailed to The Community House at 380 South Bates St., Birmingham, MI 48009. *Your opinion counts!*

Chuck Kirkpatrick, Editor
Dick Harper, Associate Editor

How would you rate *The Reminder* overall in terms of keeping you informed about Club events and activities?

Excellent

Good

Fair

How would you rate *The Reminder* on:

Excellent

Good

Fair

Design/Layout

Writing

Photography

How would you describe your reading interest in *The Reminder*?

- I read almost every article.
- I scan an issue and read selected articles.
- I read only a few articles.

Do you have any suggestions as to how we might increase your reading interest?

Does anyone else read your copy of *The Reminder*?

- No Yes Who? _____

(please turn over)

How often do you read the following *Reminder* features and articles?

	Almost Always	Occasionally	Rarely
Friday Program Schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday Discussion Schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
“Golden Oldie” Stories	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership News	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussion Group Subjects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Executive Board Actions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Game Results / Activities			
Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bowling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bridge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Group Meeting Plans			
Camera	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Computer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Investment Study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Should we increase or decrease coverage of any of these features?

During the past year, we have published special articles on subjects such as:

- Notable members passing on or relocating
- Individual member honors / accomplishments
- “Turn back the clock” (SMC historical items)
- Mystery song lyrics

Do you find these articles of interest?

Usually

Sometimes

Seldom

Do you have any suggestions or comments concerning articles of this type?

Do you save any issues of *The Reminder*?

- Only the current issue Several months More, (how many?)_____

Do you have any overall comments about *The Reminder* you would like to share?

Thank you for your help

Name _____(Optional)