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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The regime of the present administration is drawing to a close. It was a challenge to me when I undertook the job, and I had moments when I was dubious whether things would work out. I was fortunate in having good assistance from Les Stegg and our former secretaries, Clarence Brown, Don Howarth and Ken Clark, and one of the finest men to work with, our treasurer, Laurence Hess. Our committee people, Lee Clark, Al Haines, Jim Peerenboom, Colin Grant Watters, Hugh Christiansen, Clark Hallock, Dan Watts and Les Stegg, all did a fine job. Then, too, I was fortunate in having Henry Foley, Gus Muth, William Splitts and Steve Teranes to handle the programs, all did a nice job. There is a lot of work in this job, but anyone who takes it will realize enjoyment from it, as I did, and I hope my successor will receive the cooperation that was afforded to me. Normally I make short messages, but with this closing one, I want to thank all you gentlemen for your patience. It has been a pleasure to have served you. Also, I would like to wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, accompanied by GOOD HEALTH. Thank you, also, to Deb Marcy.

CHRISTMAS -- 1863

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
The old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet,
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head,
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men."

Heap on more wood!-the wind
is chill;
But let it whistle as it will;
We'll keep our Christmas merry
still.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men."

Sir Walter Scott
(1771-1832)

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
(1807-1882)

Program for December meetings - Steve Teranes, Leader - Deb Marcy, Chmn.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>
Nov. 28 and Dec. 5	Touring South America - 2 parts	Earl Triplett Circumnavigators Club
Dec. 12	Kingswood Chorus	Mrs. Nina Studebaker
Dec. 19	Magician	Mr. Whelpley
Dec. 23	Own Christmas Message	Rev. Tom Hinsberg
Dec. 30	Own subject	Judge Moore, Head of Juvenile Court, Oakland County.

Discussion Group - Colin Grant-Watters, Chairman

Dec. 5	Should the Clergy be involved in protest demonstrations?
Dec. 12	Headlines of the past week.
Dec. 19	Dangers of the credit card syndrome.
Dec. 23	Should Social Security be placed under private enterprise - (i.e., insurance).

NEW MEMBERS

Robert A. McKee	Everitt L. Humphriss	William D. Leitch
Donald M. Hunter	Charles H. Heiney	John C. Maddox

GUESTS

Edward Woods	Dean Perry	William Leith
John Reddy	Norman Henning	Frank Williams
Harry Alger	John Maddox	Owen Goodrich
John W. Dietrick		

DEATHS

Don Howarth

Senior Men's Club-Birmingham, Report on Memberships - Jan. 1 - Nov. 8, 1969.

Total members - Jan. 1		235
Additions		
New members	41	
Reinstatements	1	42
		<u>277</u>
Losses		
Deceased	11	
Resigned	2	13
		<u>13</u>
Total members 11/8/69		264

November 28, 1969

Dear Mr. Clark:

Here's some information appealing for a writer who would put together a weekly column for us. As I mentioned to Seward Lawson, we hope to provide a column that would report about people and events of interest to retired men and women or those who may be or should be thinking about preparing themselves for retirement.

"The Eccentric is interested in providing a weekly column devoted to people and activities that would appeal to retired or about-to-be retired residents of this area. Individuals with writing ability and willingness to meet a weekly deadline are invited to send a resume of their writing, reporting or editing experience to John Reddy, Managing Editor, The Eccentric, 1225 Bowers, Birmingham, Michigan, 48012. Further details about the opportunity and scope of the column will be provided upon request."
(John Reddy)

We hope that one of our members will qualify for this opportunity to provide a very much appreciated public service.

We are pleased to include two original contributions, of considerable merit.

HUNTING TIME

Oh what care I for a cloudy sky
Or what care I for raining.
It irks me not if the cold winds sigh
And at snow I am not complaining.

The bristling breeze in the Autumn trees
And the rustle of wild birds winging
And my feet sunk deep in the fallen leaves
And the bare boughs o'er me swinging.

Oh it's hunting time in the forest grand
And the cares of the world unheeding
I love to be with my gun in my hand
Where the wild game trails are leading.

Oh it's music fine to these ears of mine
The roar of the bull moose calling
Or to hear the coyotes dismal whine
When the shades of night are falling.

So let us tramp in the morning damp
And follow the trailways winding
And at night by the fire in my forest camp
My sweet contentment finding.

Oh it's hunting time, and away I'd steal
My worldly cares behind me
With companions true, and a dog or two
A'hunting where you'll find me.

Thornton Lewis

May the road rise up to meet you
And the wind always at your back
May the sunshine warm on your face
Rain fall soft on your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.
Raymond Heck

Seward Lawson has been very generous in his contributions to this bulletin, and we have appreciated his thoughtfulness. This one seems very appropriate for the New Year:

STAYING YOUNG

To be young, is not a matter of years. Youth lives forever in a love for the beauty that is in the world, in the mountains, the sea, and sky, and in lovely faces through which shines the kindliness of the inner mind.

It is the tuning into the orchestra of living sound, the sighing of the wind in the trees, the whisper and flow of the tide on wide beaches, the pounding of surf on the rocks, the chattering of brooks over the stones, the pattering of rain on leaves, the song of birds, and of peepers in the spring marshes, and the joyous lilt of sweet laughter.

Youth lives without counting the years in a fluid mind which is open to new theories, fresh opinions, changing impressions, and in the willingness to make new beginnings.

What is it to stay young? It is the ability to hold fast to old friends, and to make new ones, to keep forever our beloved in dear remembrance, and to open our hearts quickly to a light knock on the door.

Youth is to remain faithful to our beliefs, to preserve our enthusiasms, to trust in ourselves, to believe in our own courage, and to follow where courage bids us go.

And, at the last, youth means that, like an unquestioning child, we place our hand without fear in the hand of the Gentle Guide, who will lead us through the little gate at the end of the Winding Road.

-Cornelia Rogers

An English professor wrote this comment on a college student's theme:
"Your vocabulary is mean and impoverished but entirely adequate to express your thoughts."

"A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well."

Overheard: "If I had it to do all over again, I'd marry a Japanese girl. They're quiet, graceful, obedient, efficient--and your mother-in-law's in Tokyo.

Fifty-four of our members attended the Ice Follies at the Olympia. Harry Rendell was commended for promoting this enjoyable occasion. The members are pleased to learn that he has accepted the position of Director of these group entertainment activities, and will be promoting movies, Fisher theatre, and similar activities for your enjoyment.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR 1969

The year is drawing to a close, and we think at this time we should pay tribute to those who have been active in keeping the recreational program moving.

This past year, Clark Hallock started off handling the card angle and did a good job. However, due to other commitments, he had to give it up and Dan Watts has done a good relief job. This end of our recreational activities is without doubt the one where we have the largest participation - bridge and pinochle. Our hats are off to both of these gentlemen for a good job.

The activities outside The Community House have also been a success. Many pleasant days have been enjoyed at the shuffleboard court. This activity was well promoted by our late Don Howarth, assisted by Frank Riecks.

The 1969 golf program was one of the best we have ever had, and Les Stegg did a fine job assisted by Geoff Whittaker and Lesley Groves. The attendance all season was good, and the tournament was ably directed by the above men and Norm Sanborn.

We had a good bowling season in 1969, three matches with the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club, even though we did lose twice. There was a great feeling of companionship during these matches, and we hope to continue in 1970. The regular season for 1969-1970 opened with formed teams in October, and there seems to be a greater interest than ever. We have at this time ten four-men teams, and the first of the year the cry will be "Bring On the Grosse Pointers". Our games chairman, James Peerenboom, and Don McGuire, who has diligently kept the scores straight, are to be commended for a fine job.

The club is fortunate in having two members, who not only have pool tables, but graciously ask our members to come and use them. We have Hugh Christiansen and Vic Wagner to thank for their open house generosity.

We can look ahead to 1970 and hope that we even do better with more participants.