

The Reminder

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PROGRAM FOR MARCH -- CARL SCHORN, CHAIRMAN

- Friday, March 2 - Speaker: Dale Winnie, Attorney
Subject: "How to Take It With You"
- Friday, March 9 - Speaker: Nancy Schochetman, Oakland University,
Continuing Education
Subject: "Growing Older - Bolder"
- Friday, March 16 - Speaker: Keith Krach, G.M.F. Robotics
Subject: "Robotics"
- Friday, March 23 - Speaker: Marian Siatczynski, Pianist Extraordinaire
Program: Piano Artistry
- Friday, March 30 - Speaker: Father Dan Homan, Benedictine Fathers,
Oxford, Michigan
Subject: "Friendship Barrier"

APRIL PROGRAM CHAIRMAN -- PAUL FITZPATRICK

- Friday, April 6 - Speaker: Dr. Dennis Wint, Director of Cranbrook
Institute of Science
Subject: To be announced

DISCUSSION GROUP SUBJECTS BUD ANGEVINE, VICE-CHAIRMAN

- March 2 "Is There Room for Politics"
John King, Leader
- March 9 "America's Favorite Pastime"
Walt Meyers, Leader
- March 16 "Discipline/Freedom"
Bill Aitken, Leader
- March 23 "The Greenhouse Effect"
Ray Agren, Leader
- March 30 "Hong Kong and Indonesia"
Bud Angevine, Leader
- April 2 "Serendipity in Research"
Wardley McMaster, Leader

Program Vice-Chairman for April
Discussion Group is Art Newman.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thurs., March 8 and 22:
Golf Dome. See Page 3
- Fri., March 9: Suncoast
Chapter. See Page 5
- Tues., March 13:
10:30, Executive Board
2:00 P.M. Camera Group
- Wed., March 14: Investment
Study Group, 2:45 P.M.
- Tues., March 27 and Thurs. 29th
Stroh Tour. See Page 5
- Thurs., April 12: Golf
Season Opens.

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"How Noiseless Is the Step of Time" A SALUTE TO BILL WILSON

After more than eleven years and five hundred Discussion Group programs, the genial Chairman has relinquished his executive duties and has become Chairman Emeritus of the group.

"How Noiseless Is the Step of Time" was the theme of Bill's official exit, as Chairman, at the meeting of January 13. Nostalgia was present as he reviewed a few of the topics covered in those 500 meetings. It was an impressive diversity of subjects, all given by members, ranging through inflation, corporate policies, astrological charts, outer space, women's lib, nuclear energy, sailing, stocks, automotive history, world travel, and dozens of others presented by members under Bill's quiet but effective chairmanship.

In our Friday SMC meetings we will miss Bill's weekly announcements of subjects coming up in the Discussion Group -- always witty, with a smile on his face and in his voice. Arranging so many programs is a monumental task, but Bill made it seem easy.

Bill, with his wife Sue, came from Ohio to the Birmingham area some years ago as a Firestone Tire representative with three little accounts: General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler. That kept him busy for 48 years. He retired in 1967 and joined our Club in 1969. He quickly became an active participant and it wasn't long before he accepted Chairmanship of the Discussion Group.

He endowed the Discussion Group with his personality: patience, humor, wisdom, and homespun philosophy. Characteristically, he will continue to contribute to the Club and the Discussion Group.

"How noiseless is the step of time"

Also at that January meeting, Bill offered us his favorite toast, saying that it usually earned him an extra drink. Now let us offer a toast to Bill: "May the worst day of your future be better than the best day of your past."

Thank you, Bill. We look forward to your active participation in the Discussion Group for many more years.

(Contributing to the above tribute were
 Bud Angevine, Al Beauvais and Al Riebling)

1984 COMMUNITY HOUSE FUND DRIVE -- CHICK HOLMES, CHAIRMAN FOR SMC

Good News and Bad News ---

The "Good News" is that, to date, a total of \$14,418 has been given and pledged by SMC members. The breakdown is: \$12,043 from 265 active, life, and associate members; 8 applicants have given \$275; the Club has pledged \$2,100. Individual member gifts have averaged \$45, an increase over 1983. That's good news.

The "Bad News" is that 124 active and life members and 19 associate members have not given or pledged to the Fund Drive, so far.

It seems to me that all of our members should be willing to support our "home" annually in order to assure our continued existence. You don't even have to have a pledge card. Just make out a check to The Community House and mail it to 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, MI 48009. Be sure to identify yourself as an SMC member.

Thanks to all of you who have given so generously of your money and time.

-- Chick Holmes

WINTER GOLF AT THE DOME -- MARCEL DeSMET, GAMES CHAIRMAN

Forty-six golfers were at the Dome on February 9 with two pro's in attendance. On February 23 there were 34 present. Good show!!!

On March 8, two pro's will give individual attention and the March 22 session will be practice only. The pro's will be present at our last golfing session April 5.

Members and applicants on the waiting list are welcome.

If you plan to attend, contact Marc DeSmet or Bob Hadley with your \$5.00. COME OUT AND GET READY FOR SPRING GOLF!!!

-- Marcel DeSmet

REGULAR OUTDOOR GOLF SEASON STARTS APRIL 12

The Golf Committee expects the outdoor golf season to open on Thursday, April 12, provided the weather and ground conditions are favorable. For more information contact committee members: John Spomer, Chairman, Walter Sprague, Ray Swartz, or Hockey Melikian.

"Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote."

-- George Jean Nathan

BOWLING -- ATTENDANCE OFF, NEW BOWLERS NEEDED -- JIM REEVE, CHAIRMAN

Attendance was down another notch in February with an average weekly turnout of 45 bowlers.

The Hot Shots (Team #5) were nothing less than intimidating during the month with 14 wins and only two losses. That put them three games up over the second-place Crankers (Team #9). The Smoothies (Team #6) are in third place, seven games off the pace. These three teams are the only teams over 500. The other teams will have to get something going soon if they want to get back in the race.

Bowling scores picked up during the month with some impressive scores. The highs were: (Games) Les Swanson - 234, Chet Lopata - 218 and Bert Henderson - 213; and (Series) Les Swanson - 576, Bert Henderson - 564/563, and Marcel DeSmet - 555.

Eight regular bowling sessions, plus the Roll-off remain for the season, so there is still time for new bowlers, including prospective members on the waiting list to get started. We have lanes to spare so come on out and join in the fun.

The bowlers gather at the Birmingham Bowl at 9:00 a.m. every Monday.

E. F. HUTTON TALKED AND INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP LISTENED. ANOTHER SHARP SUBJECT IS COMING UP MARCH 14 -- MURRAY HAYWARD, CHAIRMAN

Jerome Adler, Assistant Vice President, E. F. Hutton and Company, was the speaker at the February meeting of the Birmingham Senior Men's Investment Study Group. He discussed the effect of the four-year Presidential election cycle on the stock market and predicted that 1984 should be a good year for achieving capital gains.

The leaders in the Capital Gains Stock game at the mid-point on February 3, 1984 and their portfolio increase since November 8, 1983 were:

Larry Keim	17.8%
Glen Smith	6.4%
Art Held	4.4%
Ray Compton	4.4%
William Kernan	4.2%

The next meeting will be held at The Community House - Birmingham, Wednesday afternoon, March 14 at 2:45. Elmer Bailey will be Program Chairman and his guest speaker will be William H. Rector, CLU, President, Great Lakes Pension Administrators, Inc., who will discuss Government obligations "T" Bills, GNMA's.

-- Dick Henne, Program Chairman

"Time is like money; the less we have of it to spare
the further we make it go."

-- Josh Billings

SPECIAL EVENT - STROH TOUR MARCH 27 & 29 -- BOB McKELVEY, CHAIRMAN

You have a choice of two dates for the tour of Stroh Brewery because only 50 can be accommodated on a tour. The dates are Tuesday, March 27 or Thursday, March 29. Lunch is included in this tour, and one assumes that samples of the product will be available. Lunch starts at 11:30. The cost is \$5 per person. Members and applicants and wives are invited. For more information consult the Chairman or committee members.

CAMERA GROUP SCHEDULES OUTSTANDING SLIDE SHOW

At its next meeting, the Camera Group will look at an unusual and distinctive slide presentation, entitled "Highlights of the West," narrated by Member Henry Bardsley. The meeting is Tuesday, March 13 at 2:00 P.M. in The Community House.

-- Robert A. Hadley, Chairman

ASSOCIATE MEMBER BILL RENTON IS HEARD FROM

After a long silence (while Bill thawed out his ballpoint pen) the Club has a letter from William S. T. Renton, who became an Associate Member when he moved to Cloquet, Minnesota -- west of Minneapolis -- in 1982. Bill's letter, dated January 29, reports "Snowfall to date this season 89.3 inches; last season 51.3 inches. That takes a lot of shoveling. Saw by the Detroit News you had a low of -21 degrees. Just a few days before we had -41. I could explain some of this but won't get into politics."

"We have a youngster from Cloquet, Mark Randall, who made the U.S. Ski Team for the Olympics. Not too bad for a town of 11,000."

The editors thank Bill Renton for his newsy letter. Other Associate Members are invited to write the REMINDER, praising their weather or their scores (bridge or golf or bowling).

ASSOCIATE MEMBER NEWS FROM CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, LYMAN JILLSON

Here are the March birthdates of Associates:

March 3, Jim McCubbrey; (18) Orville Vaughan; (20) Gene Hubbard; (22) Roy Cornfoot; (25) Bill Smith; (29) Claude Walker.

Happy Birthday to all, and we hope you are having weather as fine as ours here in Michigan

FINAL NOTICE OF SUNCOAST CHAPTER LUNCHEON -- it's Friday, March 9, at the Chez Med, 9125 Midnight Pass Road, Sarasota, Florida.

If you haven't reserved, call Bill Smith at once -- (813) 349-7644.

FEBRUARY BRIDGE REPORT -- GERRY BARTLAM, CHAIRMAN

Two-hundred seventy-six card players took part in the four February meetings - an average of 69.

There were eleven tables of Duplicate Bridge ably supervised by Ed Clarke. There was a pinochle game at each meeting.

For Rubber Bridge:

<u>Ten Highest Scores</u>		<u>Ten Highest Averages</u>		
1.	Les Wilder	4990	1. Les Wilder	2997
2.	Frank Hansom	4860	2. George Middleton	2897
3.	Vern Bryant	4280	3. Herb Lugers	2848
4.	Herb Lugers	4180	4. Baylor Sutton	2803
5.	Ross Wagner	3990	5. Bob Gray	2758
6.	Art Brookman	3980	6. Larry Keim	2638
7.	Baylor Sutton	3840	7. John MacLellan	2560
8.	Larry Keim	3770	8. Bill Ladd	2483
9.	Bob Barden	3610	9. Vern Bryant	2467
10.	John MacLellan	3570	10. Joe Beckley	2370

There were 8 small slams made. There were six tables of Tuesday Bridge on February 7, and fourteen and seven tables on February 21 and 28.

CHESS PLAYERS ATTENTION! EARL LUTZ MAY BE STARTING SOMETHING

Our Member C. Earl Lutz has brought up a question: How many SMC members are chess players? We don't know what Earl has in mind, but there's no harm in finding out. So, if you play chess, sign the paper on the bulletin board. You're not signing up for anything -- just letting Earl know who our chess players are.

FREE INCOME TAX ADVICE AVAILABLE THROUGH FIRST WEEK OF APRIL

Locations listed in last month's REMINDER are correct. There are five places in and around Birmingham where Income Tax counseling is available to senior citizens. Hours are 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the following locations:

Mondays: McDonnell Towers, Southfield
 Tuesdays: BASCC, Pierce School, Birmingham
 Wednesdays: Troy Community Center, Troy
 Thursdays: Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham
 Fridays: United Methodist Church, Birmingham
 1589 W. Maple Road

BE ALERT -- we need more lerts.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATIONMEETING SCHEDULE FOR APPLICANTS

Note: No meeting for SMC is scheduled for September 14.

<u>A thru F</u>	<u>G thru L</u>	<u>M thru R</u>	<u>S thru Z</u>
March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23
March 30	April 6	April 13	April 27
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. 21	Sept. 21	Sept. 28
Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26
Nov. 2	Nov. 9	Nov. 16	Nov. 30

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES IN FEBRUARYNEW MEMBERS

GEGGIE, JOHN R. 610 Chester	2/84 B	642-7986 48009
WARNER, HAROLD G. 1895 Rathmor Rd.	2/84 BH	642-8573 48013
GORDON, BLAINE M. 1328 Lake Park Dr.	2/84 B	644-0302 48009
HALWARD, FOLKE 29625 Bristol Ln.	2/84 B	353-2627 48010

RESIGNATIONS

MEIDELL, WILLIAM J., who joined in October, 1975
 STOCKWELL, WILLIAM H., who joined in January, 1973
 ETTER, THEODORE F., who joined in February, 1981
 OWEN, JACK C., who joined in December, 1975
 PERCOX, JOHN, who joined in April, 1972
 PEPIN, RONALD H., who joined in November, 1982

IN MEMORY

RICHARD C. WADE joined the Club in March, 1982. He died February 1. He was a member of the S.S. Kresge organization for 45 years, having started work with them in 1934. He retired in 1979 as Division Merchandising Manager for Kmart.

HAROLD R. CHAPEL, who resigned in 1981, died February 24.

STELLA PINTAR, widow of Ed, died February 18. Ed, who died in 1981, is remembered for his unfailing good nature. He and Stella were staunch supporters of The Community House.