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I hied me off to Arcady --  
The month it was the month of May,  
And all along the pleasant way,  
The morning birds were mad with glee,  
And all the flowers sprang up to see,  
As I went on to Arcady.

- Louise Chandler Moulton -  
1835-1908

KINDNESS

I shall pass through this world  
but once. If, therefore, there  
be any kindness I can show,  
or any good thing I can do,  
let me do it now; let me not  
defer it or neglect it, for I  
shall not pass this way again.

- Grellet -

May is building her house  
with apple blooms  
She is roofing over the  
glimmering rooms.

- Richard Le Gallienne -

So then the year is repeating  
its old story again. We are come  
once more, thank God! to its most  
charming chapter. The violets  
and the May flowers as its  
inscriptions or vignettes. It  
always makes a pleasant impression  
on us, when we open again at these  
pages on the book of Life.

- Goethe -

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"BECOME INVOLVED"

This is directed to the recent new members. To become involved, you ask any of the nineteen committee chairmen if you can be of help. If he has no need at the moment, he can direct you to another group that needs help. Frequently, we work on special projects. We are organizing right now for the telephone calling campaign to raise funds for The Community House. About 30 men will be needed.

If someone asks you to serve on a committee or a special project, accept immediately. You'll be glad you did.

Murray Kennedy

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March 29, 1974

"Mr. Murray Kennedy, President  
Senior Men's Club of Birmingham  
Birmingham Community House  
Birmingham, Michigan 48010

Dear Murray,

I've been pretty slow getting this letter off to you. Know you are curious about the second annual luncheon of the Suncoast Chapter of Birmingham Senior Men's Club held Thursday, March 21, at Holiday Inn, Venice. It was a big deal - 51 attended, compared with 34 last year, and I have already heard that others want to be included next year.

Holiday Inn had our occasion posted on their big highway sign for all to see, "Welcome Birmingham Senior Men's Club:." They gave us the main banquet room, and it was beautifully set up.

The following members and their wives attended as indicated:

Mr. Jim Baynes	Mr. & Mrs. Rollie Nette
Mr. & Mrs. Burke Bartlett	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Restruck
Mr. & Mrs. John Daneke	Mr. & Mrs. Dick Rassel
Mr. Earl Doig	Mr. & Mrs. Ed Schnieder
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hanlon	Mr. & Mrs. Russ Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hudson	Mr. Paul Turner
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Kimball	Mr. & Mrs. Bob Van Duzer
Mr. & Mrs. Laymon Long	Mr. & Mrs. Corliss Watson
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Losie	Mr. & Mrs. Bob Watson
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Meyers	

The following guests were present:

Mr. Herb Baynes, guest of his brother, Jim.  
Dr. & Mrs. Otto Beck, guests of the Rassel's.  
Mr. Herman Kaiser  
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Lunn (former member)  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ruppel, guests of the Bartletts.  
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Macksey (Ted wants to join), guests of the Van Duzers  
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Smith (Bill has his application in) guests of the  
Bob Watsons.  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Seelye (former member), guests of the Losies.

The guests were all from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area and on motion of Bob Watson - who, contrary to all reports, did not write "Robert's Rules of Order" - the guests were all inducted into the chapter.

Walt Meyers moved and it was passed, making John Daneke and Earl Doig co-presidents emeritus of the chapter.

The cocktail and luncheon session lasted two hours and was followed by a picture taking session on the lawn. From the noise that was generated, it can only be assumed everyone had a ball.

We did such original things as introduce guests and drink a toast to you-all. The ladies looked beautiful, and we are planning even more fun for next year.

The Danekes and Losies drove 55 miles to attend, and Earl Doig and Paul Turner drove 65 miles.

The next day, we had a golf "tournament" but only 13 were able to attend, and it was not the big event we had hoped. However, we hope to improve further on this part of the program.

One party suggested that this might be Observer-Eccentric material.

Sincerely,

Burke Bartlett,  
Chairman by default"

PROGRAMS FOR MAY AND JUNE 1974 - James Flack, General Program Chairman

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker and Subject</u>
Friday, May 3	"After Retirement - Happiness?" - Mrs. Cavanary Family Service of Oakland County
Friday, May 10	"A View From the Bench" - Hon. Alice Gilbert, Judge 48th District Court
Friday, May 17	"Our Birmingham Senior Men's Club" - Ross A. Wagner (Club Day) Trescott Henshaw Honoring Life Members & Vernon C. Bryant Past Presidents James Pottinger P. Satterthwaite

Tuesday, May 21 "Reminiscing" - Milton F. Mallender, Attorney  
12 O'Clock Noon (Heritage Day)  
(Ladies' Day)

Friday, May 31 "Promises To Keep" - Donald C. Huss, General Motors Corporation  
CHARLES B. KASS, CHAIRMAN FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Friday, June 7 "Flags" - Harold Glassford

Friday, June 14 "The Early History of Birmingham & Oakland County"  
Maurice Cole

Friday, June 21 "News From Washington" - The Honorable William S.  
Broomfield, U. S. Representative

Friday, June 28 "Twenty Years In the Rat Race" (Humorous) - Bill Ives,  
President Rose Exterminator Co.

FRANK S. CARTWRIGHT, CHAIRMAN FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

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"Jet setters of the 65 and up club would do well to obtain supplementary medical coverage from a private insurance firm before traveling abroad. According to Social Security laws, medicare can only be paid in the United States. Exceptions are made in emergency situations, said a Social Security spokesman, only when a person becomes ill in a U.S. border city and the nearest or best doctor or hospital is in another country, or when a person traveling in Canada en route between Alaska and the continental U.S. requires immediate medical attention. "One reason medicare is not paid abroad," he said, "is that we have no way of policing the services in a foreign country." But supplemental insurance policies are available that will pay doctor and hospital bills outside the States and pick up medicare deductibles."

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DISCUSSION TOPICS FOR MAY - Bill Wilson, Chairman

- May 3 - "The Death Penalty" - Alger Crandell, Leader  
May 10 - "The American and the British Form of Government" - Jim McCubbrey, Leader  
May 17 - "Monorail Transportation" - Coyle Fisher, Leader  
May 24 - "To Pay Or Not To Pay For Television" - Bill Wilson, Leader  
May 31 - "Most Memorable Personal Experiences" - Milo Bostwick, Leader

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HEALTH REPORT 4-26-74 - R. F. Connor

Clem Rebb - at home - better  
Frank Williams - at home - improved  
Andrew Spruce - at home - better - hopes to return soon  
James Kelley - at home - improving  
Colin Campbell and Russ Brockmiller - at home - better and hope to return today  
Cliff Baugh - St. Joseph Hospital - Room 509 - better  
Bill McCarty - Flu - Intensive Care in St. Joseph Hospital, Pontiac  
Gene Hubbard - St. Joseph Hospital - Room 380 - Bronchitis - better  
Seth Slawson - Beaumont Hospital - Room 930 - improving

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CAMERA CLUB - Philip C. Satterthwaite, Chairman

The May meeting of the Camera Club will be on May 14, at 2:00 P.M., at the home of Owen Goodrich, 6971 Limerick Lane, in Troy.

John Dietrich will show slides of interesting places and people, which are not seen frequently, such as the Panama Canal, the Strait of Magellan and inland and island scenes around South America.

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HERITAGE FESTIVAL - Dick Dewey

The Birmingham Historical Society is calling on our membership for help to make this Festival a success. This is a community service that our members can contribute to. It happens during Michigan Week.

Our festival dates are May 21 - 25. Your chairman outlined the program at our April 26th meeting. Am sure your wives will find many interesting things in our Arts & Crafts Show & Sale, and that all of our members, who volunteer to help in the festival, will enjoy their work. Watch the local newspapers for press releases.

A meeting will be held after our meeting May 10th for job assignments. Watch our bulletin board.

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GUESTS - Alger B. Crandell, Recording Secretary

April 5 Bob Montgomery - Sponsored by Grant Barber  
 Ken Taylor - " " Ollie Hawkins  
 Dr. Vinton Bacon - " " Gordon Mac Alpine  
 John Q. Holmes - " " Stan Sherwood  
 Joe Ferry - " " Bill Colby  
 There were 9 returnees at this meeting

9 Don Cargill - Sponsored by Ernest Burger  
 Also 9 returnees present

19 Lee Hanson - Sponsored by Howard Reid  
 13 returnees present

26 Nelson Jones - Sponsored by Frank Morton  
 Philip Cartwright - " " Bob Benson  
 7 returnees present

There were no new members voted in.

*Sitting President*

Beginning next month, you will be furnished with a copy of each meeting's minutes, so that a full report will be in your hands.

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AS TOLD BY OUR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, CHARLOTTE ANN - W. H. (Bill) Garrison:

There are many ways to deal with the gasoline shortage without losing your temper or dignity. The other day, I was about twenty miles from home in gasoline-starved New York when I saw a gas station that appeared to be pumping gas. I drove in and the attendant glared at me, saying, "This is for regular customers only." To which I replied, "I am a regular customer." He reluctantly filled my gas tank, but when he saw that my credit card said Peekskill, which was not local, he said, with temper almost to the bursting point, "I said for regular customers only." "Sir," I replied, looking him straight in the eye, "I did buy Regular." He looked somewhat stunned as I drove away, the double meaning ringing in his ears. 3/74.

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LETTER FOUND IN THE ARCHIVES - from Historian

July 29th, 1957

The Birmingham Eccentric  
 Birmingham, Mich.

Dear Sirs: Attention Miss Frances Maier

It is to be noted that our outing on July 19th to watch the ball game between the Detroit Tigers and the New York Yankees, at Briggs Stadium, was a success in all ways except - the wrong team won.

In this game the Tigers had a man on Third twice, with only one man out and couldn't get a hit to bring in the winning run.

At our meeting the following day it is significant that Gus Ziegler passed out copies of W. J. Cameron's literary classic - "Don't Die on Third".

(Letter to Eccentric Cont'd)

Perhaps you can make something of this.

We thank you for the pieces you print about our Club from time to time. It was especially good of you to take a picture of us as we were about to leave The Community House for Briggs Stadium.

However, may I kindly call attention to an error in this instance. Our meeting days are on Friday and Tuesday. Thursday has never been mentioned in regard to our organization.

The Senior Men's Club  
T. A. Henshaw,  
Secretary.

P.S. Our meeting of August 9th will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred C. Gould, at 5760 Monterey Court, which is in Foxcroft Subdivision. We will meet at The Community House where those with cars will drive everyone out to Mrs. Gould's. The time, 10:00 O'Clock A.M.

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CARD REPORT FOR APRIL - Carl Schorn

BRIDGE

Top Ten Scores For April:

1. Ed DeJongh	4800	6. Vern Bryant	3890
2. Ed DeJongh	4130	7. Mel Colville	3880
3. Howard Walser	4050	8. Roy Cornfoot	3880
4. Bob Connor	4000	9. Jim Peerenboom	3830
5. Bill Hanlon	3920	10. Bob Varnum	3830

Top 5 Average Score For 4 Days In April:

1. Ollie Hawkins	3000	4. Bert Brant	2828
2. Ed DeJongh	2928	5. Chris Janssen	2825
3. Al Haines	2840		

There were 320 Bridge games played in April for an average of 80 games each session. Waino Ansama's 5900 score for March and Ed Smith's 3506 March average still remain high for 1974. There have been 1404 Bridge games played to date in 1974. For you fussy guys, that's a weekly average of 82.588235.

PINOCHLE

Francis Rigotti's 955 Pinochle score was high for April.

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A damsel at Vassar named Breeze,  
Weighed down with B.Lit.'s and D.D.'s,  
Collapsed from the strain,  
Said her doctor, "It's plain  
You are killing yourself--by degrees."

There was a young girl from  
St. Paul  
Who wore a newspaper dress to  
a ball,  
But the dress caught on fire  
and burned her entire  
Front page - sporting section -  
and all.