

The

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Reminder

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



America: The Good Neighbor

"IN THESE OUR TIMES...The events of September 11, 2001 have changed the face of America and the thinking of its people. No longer can we feel protected by a couple of oceans and a reputation as a super power. It was our turn, and we got it big.

An immediate concern was – and is – building a coalition of allies. Much of this has been done, but the fact remains that, in the minds of many foreign countries, we remain 'ugly Americans.'

We were reminded of the most generous statement made by a Canadian television commentator a number of years ago. Gordon Sinclair said it so well, and we print here the full text of his editorial. Thank you, sir. We needed that!"

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth. Germany, Japan and to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When France was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it. When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans. I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas DC10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International airlines except Russia fly American planes?

Why does no other land on earth consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon - not once, but several times and safely home again.



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OCTOBER PROGRAMS

OCTOBER CHAIRMAN: JOHN C. PARKER

5 Speaker: Richard Thompson
Special Assistant to the Chairman
Topic: New Technologies at E C D, Inc.

12 Speaker: Dr. Dennis Zembala
Director, Detroit Historical Museums
Topic: Detroit's 300th Birthday

19 NO MEETING SCHEDULED

26 Speaker: Terence T. Parker
Manager, Sales Engineering - UNISOLAR
Topic: Is Solar Energy in Your Future?

OCTOBER DISCUSSIONS

OCTOBER CHAIRMAN: JOHN D. LORIMER

5 Speaker: Gordon Thorsby
Topic: Downtown Birmingham

12 Speaker: John D. Lorimer
SMC Member
Topic: Failed Sale

19 NO MEETING SCHEDULED

26 Speaker: Talbert Spence
Director, Cranbrook Institute of Science
Topic: Cranbrook

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings:

Joe Kern, life member, will be 86 on Oct. 3

Charles Ashley will be 87 on Oct. 8

Charles Morse, life member, will be 86 on Oct. 11

Omer Petti will be 85 on Oct. 13

Carl Schorn, life member, will be 94 on Oct. 17

Glenn Griffin will be 88 on Oct. 18

Ross Wagner, life member, will be 96 on Oct. 27

George Fraumann, life member, will be 88 on Oct. 29

Birthdays of Members on Leave of Absence:

Fran Cogsdill will be 81 on Oct. 3

Dick Lhyle will be 82 on Oct. 4

Birthdays of Associate Members:

Dick Glass will be 68 on Oct. 8

Deaths:

B. Benton Harvey

Henry Kringer, life member who joined in July 1977

Gordon W. Lamphere, life member

Louis M. Randall, Jr. on leave of absence who joined in Oct. 1985

Jean Skaistis, wife of member Stanley J. Skaistis.

New Applicants:

Douglas F. Allison, (Sarah), 57 Scenic Oaks Dr. S., Bloomfield Hills, 48304	642-8371
Sponsor: Dick Lindgren	
Edmund T. Baumgartner, (Mary), 3575 Roland, Bloomfield Hills, 48301	540-7261
Sponsor: Dick Lindgren	
Robert F. Byrne, 1115 Ivy Glen, Bloomfield Hills, 48304	852-1526
Sponsor: John Caldwell	
John L. Frank, (Barbara), 725 S. Adams #21, Birmingham, 48009	644-8818
Sponsor: Bob Campbell	
Salvatore L. Loria, (Joyce), 3341 Essex Ct., Troy, 48084	649-6863
Sponsor: Ray Swartz	
Roosevelt Maynard, (Marilyn), 700 Yarmouth Rd., Bloomfield Hills, 48301	646-4516
Sponsor: Dick Lindgren	
Donald D. McBride, (Audrey), 3781 Darlington Rd. S., Bloomfield Hills, 48301	642-8492
Sponsor: Gerard Markey	
Duane K. Ralston, (Deanna), 2472 Brenthaven Dr., Bloomfield Hills, 48304	332-4042
Sponsor: John Wenstrand	

New Members:

Dennis J. Kozak, (Rose), 31338 Chelton Dr., Beverly Hills, 48025	644-8934
Sponsor: Jack Corey	
William N. Peters, 484 Newburne Pte., Bloomfield Hills, 48304	333-3650
Sponsor: Bill Corba	

New Life Member:

Thomas W. Raleigh, who joined in January 1985

-Bob Babcock and Jim D'Allemand

Applicant Activity

The 4th annual applicant luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2001, in the ballroom of The Community House. Registration will begin at 11:15 AM to be followed with a brief business meeting, prior to lunch.

Reservations, along with your check, will be taken on Friday, October 5, at the applicant table, before the regular Friday meeting. Make your check payable to Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. You can also make your reservation by mail. Send your check to Bob Gardner, 790 Upper Scotsborough Way, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. There will be no phone sales for this event. All checks must be received on or before October 17, 2001. **No reservations will be accepted without payment.**

The luncheon will cost \$15.00 and will be held at 12:00 noon. *Attending this luncheon will count toward your three meeting requirement.* Your member sponsor is also welcome to join you at this luncheon, so extend him an invitation. All applicants will be contacted to confirm if they plan to attend. See you there!

- Bob Gardner

CARAIL on the Road

We are on the road – Autos, Trains and More! – for our October 18, 2001 Senior Men's Club special event to CARAIL.

More than 130 classic automobiles and more than 10,000 model train items, along with antique bicycles and pedal cars, will be seen on display at one of Detroit's most unique museums.

Another feature of the program will be a first-class catered lunch from The Whitney (also owned by real estate developer and entrepreneur Richard Kughn).

A charter motorcoach will depart at 9:30 AM from the First United Methodist Church at Maple Road and Pleasant Avenue in Birmingham and return about 1:00 PM.

Tickets for SMC members and guests are now on sale for \$50 for a terrific and tasty "trip down memory lane!"

Special Events Advance Notice

Hold November 14, 2001 open for a trip to the Detroit Historical Museum (and lunch at The Whitney). The price is a mere \$34.00 which includes a guided tour, lunch and motorcoach transportation. More to come in the November Reminder.

Keglers Hit The Alleys



After several weeks of practice, fifty-six keglers and ten substitutes began the new bowling season at The Thunderbird Lanes in Troy on September 17, 2001.

The bowling alley has completed their renovations with carpeting, tables, chairs and benches. New air conditioners have been added along with a fresh coat of paint. All in all, it looks great.

Anyone wishing to participate as a substitute or regular bowler please contact Dennis Kozak at (248) 642-8934.

Volunteers Needed

Our SMC member, Bruce Thomas is the Corporate Historian for the Walter P. Chrysler Museum and advises that volunteers are needed at the Museum in Auburn Hills. It is a fun experience and orientation classes are starting soon.

If you are interested call Bruce at (248) 594-6499 in the evening or Sue at (248) 944-0438 during the day.

Duplicate Bridge

All members and applicants are eligible. We would like to invite you to play bridge on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM and Fridays after the regular meeting at approximately 12:45 PM. Please call Kirby Callam at (248) 646-5938 for further details.



Sure Signs of Growing Old

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.

Your children are beginning to look middle-aged.

A dripping faucet causes an uncontrollable bladder urge.

You know all the answers but nobody asks you the questions.

You sink your teeth in a steak and they stay there.

You have too much room in the house and not in the medicine chest.

You need glasses to find your glasses.

-Author Unknown

A Day to Remember

Most of us remember where we were and what we were doing the day that JFK was shot and the day of the Pearl Harbor attack. We now have a third date we will always remember – September 11, 2001 – the day of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. I especially won't forget.

On that day about 50 members of the SMC were playing golf in the annual club outing at Stonycroft. As we played we began hearing about the tragedy and passed the word to other groups on the course. We completed play about noon and gathered around a TV in stunned silence in the clubhouse and learned of the incredible scope and impact of the attacks.

We sat down to lunch, still watching the TV, but without the usual banter and kidding about the morning's golf. I commented to my tablemates that it just didn't seem appropriate for us to be enjoying the day in view of the tragic events. I also noted that while my Chicago based son often traveled to New York on business, I didn't believe he was scheduled for such a trip that week. But I felt vaguely uneasy and left without finishing lunch.

On arriving home I joined my wife to watch the continuing TV coverage from New York and the Pentagon. About 3:00 PM we got a call from my very excited son, at home in Chicago and we were wrong about his travel plans. He had gone to O'Hare Airport for a morning flight to New York. He was to attend a 1:00 PM meeting with clients would you believe at The World Trade Center. Of course his flight and trip were cancelled and he was OK but he was understandably quite shaken. He learned later that the client group he was to have met with was also OK but had to walk down 60 flights at The Trade Center to safety.

- Dick Harper

Another Close Call

George Lumsden tells how his son-in-law was slated to travel that day and was already in the air when the terrorists hit. His destination was Boston, where two of the hijacked planes originated.

Fortunately, his flight was ordered down in Detroit where he and his business partner rented a car and drove back to Minneapolis.

(There must be many personal stories about this tragedy from more SMC members. If you have one, please let us know and we will publish it in the next Reminder.)

Thank You

Last month's issue of the Reminder included a thank you to Bob and Eve Gardner for their expeditious handling of the Detroit River Cruise, a special event held on July 19. Congratulations are also due to John Zabriskie, leader of the second bus on this trip and his wife Helena. John pulled the proverbial "rabbit out of a hat" by making last minute arrangements for a second bus, plus alternate Sinbad's meals and cruise times for this very popular event with a lengthy wait list.

Double Header for Golden Oldies

As the baseball season dwindles down, the Senior Men's Club Golden Oldies decided to have their own double header. Two members joined the segment of the most prestigious level of the Senior Men's Club, "Life Member," at meetings in September.



fact that few members were aware of was that the United States was that far advanced on missiles in 1940. Harry enlisted as a Second Lieutenant in World War II and at the time of his discharge he was a Colonel. Harry still follows and roots for his "Boilermakers."



Tom was in China working on airplane engines as a trainer. Tom had truly a varied career.

Harry R. Mitchell, who worked at General Motors for forty years as a Research Engineer, became a life member at the September 7, 2001 meeting. During Harry's career, he worked on a guided missile engine back in 1940. Truly a

Tom W. Raleigh was another employee of General Motors, where he spent forty five and a half years of his life. Tom was a graduate of G.M.I., worked for GM Truck Public Relations, Allison Engines and retired as Manager Service Training. During World War II,

- Bill Reilly

SMC Members are "With It"

A recent article in the Wall Street Journal noted that seniors are lagging behind the rest of the U.S. population in terms of going online. A survey indicated that only 13% of people over 65 have access to email. Many in the survey said they didn't want to go online because it was too complicated or expensive.

The SMC is clearly atypical in this regard. Our directory records indicate that about 28% of active members have email addresses, more than twice the national average. Further, 36% of our applicants (who are of course somewhat younger) are online. Yes, we increasingly are "with it."

- Dick Harper

Bridge Report

Contract averaged eight players. High average scorers for this period were Al Wagner (3730), Henry Dawkins (2490), Don McNair (2020) and Chris Davenport (1900). There were no slams.

Duplicate averaged 32 players. High scorers were Jim Tedesco (.64%), Joe Rattner (.62%) and Bob Elliott (.61%). There were eight small slams and Bob Hebert made two of them.

-Zack Endress & Don McNair

Monday Golf



We had 33 men turn up out of a roster of 47 resulting in a 70% attendance on a beautiful fall day. We had nine walk-ons.

We had three birds by Ed Butler and Dick Wehling. Wehling was not satisfied with just one bird, he got two. Closest to the pin was William Dahlin at 13 feet.

The young geese on the course have grown to full size and are beautiful to see.

Men with exceptionally low scores were:

Dick Wehling	39	Roy Halmhuber	43	Ed Butler	44
Dick Anderson	41	Ed Hoagland	44	Jim Schaefer	44
Eldon Crawfis	42	William Denyes	44	Dennis Kozak	44

Finally, to summarize, here are the league high points for the year 2001. Three men accumulated three birds each: Ed Butler, Dick Wehling and William Denyes. Closest to the pin was lead by Ed Butler's hole-in-one, followed by Bill McGarrity's at 4 feet and Cliff Dean's second winner try of also 4 feet. The lowest score of 39 for the season was made by Eldon Crawfis and Dick Anderson.

Comparing the final 2001 season average with the year 2000 average, the following men improved their average as follows: Bill McGarrity, (walk-on) 4.393 strokes; Bob English, (walk-on) 3.917 strokes; Lewis Buckley, 3.076 strokes; Harold Jackson, 3.075 strokes and Tom Noakes, 3.025 strokes.

- John Dudash

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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, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

Officers for 2001 are: J. Carver Wood, Jr., president; Ernest Bergan, first vice president; Benjamin E. Ewing, second vice president; Richard N. Harper, Jr., recording secretary; John H. McLaughlin, corresponding secretary; Raymond Latovick, treasurer; William F. Minard, assistant treasurer; Russell B. Frye and John Horiszny, officers at large.

THE REMINDER includes: George Lumsden, editor; Dick Harper, Paul Pentecost and Alvie Smith, associate editors; Bob Hadley and John Dudash, photography; Lee Trumbull, computer layout; Bill English, mailing.

Group Meetings

Investment Group

Ken Morris, Chartered Financial Consultant, Oakland Press Financial Columnist, will be speaking October 10, 2001 at 2:45 PM. His topics will be "Market Down, Now What?" and "Stretch IRA's Beyond Your Lifetime."

-Tom Van Voorhis

Computer Group

The October meeting of the SMC Computer Group will be held at the Baldwin Public Library on Wednesday, October 17, 2001 at 2:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the Rotary Room on the lower level of the library. The speaker will be Ms. Ann Berg of the library staff and the topic will be "A Visit to Ellis Island and Other Genealogy Resources."

Camera Group

If you missed the parade of the Tall Ships on the Detroit River in July as part of the Detroit's 300th Birthday celebration you will not want to miss the Camera Group meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2001 at 2:00 PM at The Community House. Most of the 24 sailboats in full sail, can be seen in the slide presentation to be given by Will Braisted, a Senior Men's Club member.

-Bill Gridley

Help Wanted

The Senior ladies who serve you need a few more hands. If any of your wives, daughters, friends, or neighbors would like to volunteer two Fridays a month, we would love to have them. It's really fun. Please call Eunice Orton at (248) 642-7812 or Lillian Fregolle at (248) 646-1894.



Fund Goal Near

The Senior Men's Club and applicants have raised \$47,472 of our \$50,000 goal for The Community House Annual Fund Drive. 478 members and applicants have contributed an average of approximately \$100 each. Help us to put this drive over the top by contributing your fair share today to help keep The Community House on a sound financial base and so that our club can enjoy these great facilities rent free. Thanks to all who have contributed.

-Bob Pullar

America, *continued from front page*

You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5000 times when Americans race to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of those."

Stand proud, America!



Oakland County Children's Village

A special thank you to those who have graciously and generously responded to the appeal for the Oakland County Children's Village.

On September 28, we heard Greg Alessi, Special Projects Coordinator for the Village, explain how the contributions from this club are used to help the kids at the village get the most out of their stay there. The Village staff has become extremely dependent on the money we send to augment and enhance their budget for special projects.

Please note that our goal this year is \$6,500. We'll need help from every member and applicant to put us over the top.

So on October 5, when Bob Hadley passes the amazing Jug, amaze us with your generosity. If you are not attending the October 5 meeting, please send your check to Phil Werner.



Other Club Dates to Remember

Executive Board Meeting: 9:30 a.m. October 9, 2001.

Reminder Deadline: October 19, 2001.

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

Bowling: Mondays, 9:00 a.m., Thunderbird Lanes, Troy.

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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