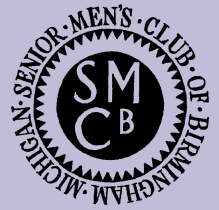


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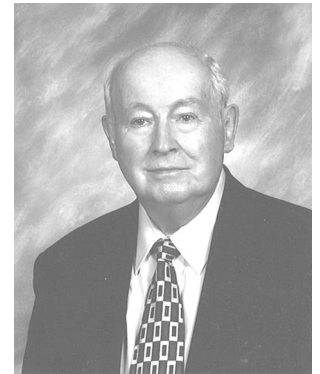


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Dedicated Public Servant

A new Golden Oldie, Don Jensen, has served our community in many capacities. Don entered Public Service in 1978, leading Birmingham for nine years, first as City Commissioner and then as Mayor. Following his term as Mayor, Don was elected as Oakland County Commissioner, where he served for 14 years. At the county he served as Chairman of the General Government Committee, Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and Personnel Appeal Board. He still serves on the County Library Board.



Don was born in Nebraska, grew up in Iowa, served in the South Pacific during World War II, and moved to the Detroit area in 1947. After graduation from the University of Detroit with a degree in Business Management, he worked for Ford Motor Company in Product Planning, and later for Burroughs Corp. as Director of Advertising and Public Relations. He opted for early retirement in 1980.

Don served on various voluntary assignments during his lifetime including Chairman of the South Oakland Hospital Authority. As a Board Member of PAL, he became friends with Vince Doyle, a popular radio sports announcer. Don currently serves on the board of BASCC as vice president of personnel.

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MAY PROGRAMS

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- 5 Eugene A. Moore, Family Court Chief Judge....."Juvenile Justice"
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JUNE PROGRAMS

JUNE CHAIRMAN: George Fulkerson

- 2 Harold Abraham, Director of Technical and Low Vision Services, Leader Dogs for the Blind..... "Use of GPS Technology by the Blind"

MAY DISCUSSIONS

MAY CHAIRMAN: Bob Sack

- 5 Agostino A. Fernandes, Jr., President, Gleaners SE MI Food Bank....."Challenges in Feeding the Hungry"
- 12 Bert Okam, Principal, The International Academy..... "The International Baccalaureate and You"
- 19 John Hoeffler, Superintendent, Birmingham Public Schools..... "Financial Challenges at the BPS"
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JUNE DISCUSSIONS

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Membership News



New Members:

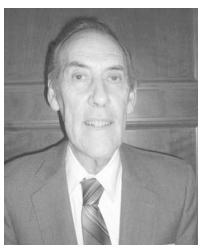
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Resigned:

Alex J. Violassi, (LOA), joined November 2000
John M. Gallagher, joined November 1997
Russell McCarty, (Associate) joined July 1999

Dropped:

Applicant Walter J. Kirchberger

Deaths:

Member Charles A. Sommers,
joined September 1991



New Applicants:

Charles F. Dye Jr.
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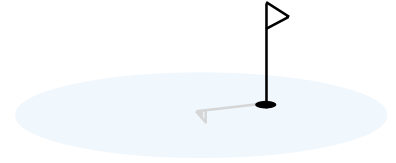
Thomas E. Noakes, joined April 1996
Lawrence A. Smith, joined July 1991
George A. Ball, (LOA) joined January 1995
R. William Cooper, (LOA) joined April 1996

-Bill Peschel and Pete Kass

(photos by John Dudash and Bill Shaffmaster)



Games Page



Thursday Golf

Twenty one players opened Thursday golf on April 6th. Despite the valiant effort on the fairways, it was evident that having no winter golf practice at the Dome has taken a terrible toll as no one shot below 46! Better weather and better scores are on the way.

The golfing committee has instituted several positive changes this year. The greens fees have been reduced to \$9, closest to the pin on number 6 pays \$10, and after you play 10 rounds the 11th round is free. As an extra incentive during the month of May, if that winning shot on number 6 is 6 feet or more from the pin and the putt is made for a birdie, that lucky golfer will win another \$10!

Remember that the Ladies League starts play in May and our official first tee off is at 9:00 A.M.

Finally, for all our golfers, being "on time" is being set to put your tee in the ground (not pulling into the parking lot).

Hit them high, hit them long, and hit them straight.

-Chuck Travers

Bowling Report

Congratulations to the Patriots (Tom Johnson, Tom Scott, Karl Kiefer and Les Lessenthien) for their roll-off victory over the Giants. Their names will be engraved on the Ray Swartz Bowling Trophy as Champions.

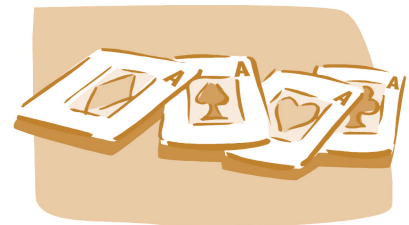
The doubles winners on the final week of bowling were Frank Barnes and Ben Mangiapane.

Several tickets for the banquet to be held at Farina's Banquet Center are still available from Bob Klein or myself. Remember the banquet will be May 3.

Summer bowling will continue on Wednesday mornings at the Thunderbird Lanes in Troy. If you are considering bowling next year this is an

excellent time to give it a try. The attendance has been averaging between 12 and 18 bowlers a week.

-Dennis Kozak



Bridge Report, March 31

Contract had four players in scoring order:

Bob McDonald
Roy Halmhuber
Charlie Cutting
Don McNair
No slams

Duplicate had 32 players, the top scorers were:

Bob Davis
Ferd Doll
Frank Schmid
Tom Perkins
Jon Seely

One small slam by Dahl and Seely

-Don McNair

Executive Board Action

The Executive Board meeting of April 11, 2006 included a discussion as to whether recent Friday speakers had violated the SMC Constitutional prohibition of the promotion of political or commercial interests.

We recently heard speakers do the following:

- indicate the availability of tickets for a local high school production
- endorse the political positions of the state governor
- reference and sell books he has written

A number of attendees at these meetings have asked if these actions were contrary to our constitution.

The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion as to whether violations really had occurred, and if they had, what actions should be taken. The possibility of more specific and strict guidelines for program chairmen and/or focused constitutional restrictions were among the corrective actions noted.

No consensus was reached on these questions. Accordingly, President Barnes called for a meeting of the Policy Committee to review these issues and to report findings and recommended actions, if any, to the Board.

-Dick Harper

Public Servant

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Don has lived with his wife, Rose in Birmingham for over 40 years. They have one daughter, Beth, and four grandchildren, three living in Berkeley and one serving with the Marines in Iraq.

He has been a member of Senior Men's Club since 1988, and we proudly elevate Don Jensen to status of Golden Oldie.

-Roy Halmhuber



Senior Men to Explore Auto Heritage at Flint Center

The Special Events Committee will sponsor a tour to explore the 65 acre gentleman's estate farm, Applewood, of C.S. Mott, General Motors automotive pioneer. Extensive public grounds include 34 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens, historic buildings, and a Mott exhibition of the remarkable accomplishments of this GM industrialist and community leader.

Following a buffet luncheon at the adjoining Sarvis Conference Center, the tour will move on to the Alfred P. Sloan Museum in the Flint Cultural Center. The Sloan Museum tells the story of Flint's dramatic history as the birthplace of General Motors during the 20th century and other state of the art displays.

Enjoy the final stop at the Buick Gallery and Research Center that includes thirty vintage cars and several one-of-a-kind and experimental Buick automobiles. Buy an ice cream or a cold drink from the 1940 Mackenzie Drug Store soda fountain.

Date is June 20, Tuesday. Time is 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Price is \$33.00 per person. Tickets go on sale starting Friday, June 2 at 9:15 A.M.

Come enjoy a day of camaraderie plus friendship in Flint with the SMC!

-C.F. Thornton

Here's To Good Hearing

An elderly man was fitted for hearing aids to combat his hearing problem. When he had his next checkup, his doctor asked how the aids were working, and what his family thought. He replied, "Oh, my hearing is so much better, but I haven't told my family yet. I just sit in the living room and listen to their conversations. I've changed my will three times so far!"

We Need Your Help

The 50th Anniversary planning committee wants your help in contacting speaker candidates for the May-long activities in 2007. Dick Harper, Bob Klein, Jack McLaughlin and John Reddy make up the speaker- recruitment subcommittee.

Our objective is to secure high-profile speakers whose participation will reflect favorably on our history, our accomplishments, and on our future opportunities. We have prepared a brief description of our club's mission and our meeting schedule. This provides the details a prospect needs to know to consider an invitation to appear before our club.

Here are the candidates we have so far. If you have the ability to personally contact any of these candidates, or know someone who can, please contact John Reddy at jwreddy2005@sbcglobal.net, or phone (248)645-1874. If you have contact with a high profile candidate you think we should consider for this special occasion, please give us that information.

Ballmer, Steve: Country Day alumnus now Microsoft CEO

Brokaw, Tom: His book, The Greatest Generation, inspired the SMC war memoirs book

Bush, Laura: To recognize the efforts SMC is undertaking to promote reading

Cole, David: Noted auto industry analyst

Coleman, Mary Sue: President, University of Michigan

Crim, Mort: TV personality and author

Elliot, Sonny: TV personality and former weathercaster

Ford, Edsel or Bill: Ford top executives

Harwell, Ernie: Retired sportscaster and talking circuit personality

McNealy, Scott: Cranbrook graduate and CEO of Sun Microsystems

Marinelli, Rod: Detroit Lions Coach

Penske, Roger: Chairman, Penske Corporation and civic leader

Schembecher, Bo: Former Michigan football coach

Snow, Tony: Former Detroit News Journalist, radio talk host, FOX News commentator

Wagoner, Rick: GM Chairman and CEO

-Dick Harper, Bob Klein, Jack McLaughlin

Hear it From the Top

Bob Sack has arranged for some top people to present some great topics for our Discussion Group meetings in May. These meetings are open to all SMC members, applicants, and guests every Friday from 12:45 until 1:30 P.M. Look on the front cover of *The Reminder* each month for the schedule of discussion presenters and topics.

Each of the May speakers is an expert in the areas being covered. Don't miss these chances to hear about challenges and opportunities that could pique your interest. Plan to stay after lunch for an extra hour. The topics are interesting and the camaraderie is rewarding.

-Irv Poston

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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 2006 are: Frank Barnes, president; Bill Johnson, first vice president; Ken Urwiller, second vice president; Bob Pullar, recording secretary; Dave Dinger, corresponding secretary; Bill Minard, treasurer; Bill Sprague, assistant treasurer; William H. Crabtree, parliamentarian; Bob Klein and Riggs Miller, officers at large.

THE REMINDER includes: Chuck Kirkpatrick, editor; Dick Harper, Paul Pentecost, Bill Reilly, Dick Davis, associate editors; Bob Hadley and John Dudash, **Bill Shaffmaster**, photography; Kate Citrin and Lee Trumbull, computer layout; Bob Jordan, mailing



Camera Club

Camera Club will meet Thursday, May 18 at 2:00 P.M. Please note that this is not our usual time. The subject will be digital camera photography. A technical specialist from Olympus Cameras will review and explain the operation and possibilities of digital cameras, the integration with computers and projection of digital pictures.

-Roger Garvelink

Mystery Lyrics

Eight readers correctly identified the April mystery lyrics:

"We may never, never meet again
on the bumpy road to love
But I'll always, always keep the memory of"

as being from the Academy Award winning song of 1937, "They Can't Take That Away From Me." Fred Astaire sang the song in "Shall We Dance," which also starred Ginger Rogers (who else?).

They were Jerry Heller, Jack Howell, Mike Gallo, Dick Porter, Isabel Himelhoch (wife of Chuck) Dick Suminski, Bob Klein and Sherm Vine.

We reach back to the 40's with this month's lyrics:

"She takes the winter and makes it summer
Summer could take some lessons from her"

and

"Keep Betty Grable,
Lamour and Turner
She makes my heart
a charcoal burner"

Can you name that tune? (Love that Turner/ burner rhyme) Hint: think very early Frank.

-Dick Harper

CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2006, 9:30 AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, May 19, 2006

Games

Bowling: Wednesday, 10:00 AM

Bridge: Tuesdays, 9:00 AM and Fridays after lunch.

Golf: Monday, Lincoln Hills Golf Course
Thursday, Springdale Golf Course

Special Events

Toledo Mud Hens Baseball: Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Auto Heritage at Flint Center: Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Group Meetings

Investment Study: Wednesday, May 10, 2006, 2:45 PM

Computer: No meeting this month

Camera Club: Thursday, May 18, 2:00 P.M.

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

Investment Study Group

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 10 at 2:45 in The Community House. Chuck Schmidt, Chief Operating Officer, Seigert Capital Partners, Birmingham, will discuss "Will History Repeat, or is it Different This Time?" Seigert manages over \$1 billion of assets, mostly in stocks. He also will address the pension fund funding issues.

Bob Fregolle maintained his leadership in the Stock Game with a 49% gain. Hal Twietmeyer's gain is now 43%. Roger Struck moved from 12th to 3rd with a 39% gain. The game ends in May; the winner will receive a new Dodge Charger.



-George Miller

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