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PROGRAM FOR JANUARY, 1988 - PAST PRESIDENTS MONTH, BAYLOR SUTTON, CHAIRMAN

- Jan. 8 Baylor Sutton (1985) Program Chairman  
Speaker: Bob Hadley, SMC Member  
Subject: "Awesome Alaska" with Sound and Music
- Jan. 15 Richard Jeffries (1986) Program Chairman  
Speaker: William E. Hoglund, Group Vice President General Motors  
Subject: "A Topical Commentary"
- Jan. 22 Richard Sneed (1981) Program Chairman  
Speaker: R. L. Fornshell, Director, Automotive Development,  
Exxon Chemical Co.  
Subject: "Automotive Trends for 1988"
- Jan. 29 Baylor Sutton (1985) Program Chairman  
Speaker: Kate DeSmet, Religious Writer, Detroit News  
Subject: "Travels with the Pope"

FEBRUARY PROGRAM CHAIRMAN - WILLIAM HAWK

- Feb. 5 Speaker: Bruce B. Madsen, Managing Director Traffic Improvement  
Association of Oakland County  
Subject: "Oakland County - A National Leader in Managing  
Traffic Losses"

DISCUSSION GROUP SUBJECTS

- January Chairman is James K. Flack
- Jan. 8 "The United States A World  
Power, 1898 to Date"  
Frank Angelo, Leader
- Jan. 15 "Soviet Russia, 1917 to Date  
Birth of Communism"  
James K. Flack, Leader
- Jan. 22 "The Peoples Republic of  
China, 1949 to Date"  
Richard Sneed, Leader
- Jan. 29 "Nuclear Age, 1939 to Date  
Ed Conley, Leader
- Feb. 5 "Civil War Trivia"  
Jack Clemons, Leader
- February Chairman is James K. Flack

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thursday, Jan. 7 and 21st  
Golf Dome See page 3
- Tuesday, Jan. 12  
9:30 a.m. Executive Board  
2 p.m. Camera Group  
See page 4
- Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2:45 p.m.  
Investment Study Group  
See page 4
- Monday, March 14 - Men's and  
Women's Bridge page 3

**NEXT REMINDER DEADLINE IS  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29**

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## WELCOME TO THE CLUB, GENTLEMEN

We, the members, welcome our new officers. They are settling down into their new duties very nicely. We also welcome the past officers, who may have had a rest from first-line management and would now be willing to serve on a committee. We welcome the new members, who have not yet decided about those committees. One of the best ways for a new member to get acquainted with others is to work with others on a committee. And welcome to the member who has an idea he would like to talk about with somebody. We have two officers who are members of our Executive Board as officers-at-large. They are free to roam around, and will listen to anybody. If you have an idea or a question, talk to one of these officers. They can pass along your question or your good idea to the board.

The new handbook comes out this month and contains an up-to-date list of officers and committees.

Look it over. Notice the many who are committee members. You'd have lots of company.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBER NEWS - HENRY DAWKINS, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Birthdays of our Associate Members in January are:

January 1: Guy Galyon, Sturgis Gregory  
 January 19: John Slater  
 January 26: Gene Daley

Now that it's time to pay dues we are hoping that some of our Associates will drop us a little news, while sending in your checks. That's so we can put the news in the REMINDER to let other members know how you are doing, or what. (The editor is asking our Treasurer to pass along any of your newsy notes.)

FULL YEAR PROGRAM OF SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED BY NEW COMMITTEE  
 (Prepared by Jim Fonda and Kent Wonnell - Co-Chairmen for 1988)

First Event: Men's and Women's Bridge

Monday, March 14, at 12:00 Noon. Members, applicants, their wives and guests. Lunch will be served in The Community House followed by party bridge. Each person will have a different partner at every round so we'll get a chance to meet others. Tickets and other details will be available in February.

SAVE THE DATE: March 14.

Following is the tentative schedule of other Special Events for 1988

April	Domino Farms, Ann Arbor - Offices/Cars/Luncheon
May	Henry Ford Museum - New Automobiles Section/Luncheon
June	Detroit Race Track - Luncheon
July	Detroit Yacht Club - Luncheon
August	Annual Picnic
September	Cranbrook Gardens - House Tour/Luncheon
October	St. Clair Inn - Boat Ride/Luncheon
November	Detroit Institute of Arts - Luncheon
December	Christmas Party

GOLF DOME PRACTICE - MARCEL DeSMET, CHAIRMAN

Golf Dome, 29601 John R, just north of 12 Mile Road  
 From 9 to 11 a.m. Our 1988 practice began Thursday, January 7.  
 The following dates will be effective throughout this coming season:

Thursday: January 7	Thursday: March 3
January 21	March 17
February 4	March 31
February 18	April 7
	April 21

On the first Thursday of each month the Pros will be pleased to give instructions to our golfers.  
Please do come out - the exercise is good for us. We are including all Club Applicants. The charge will be \$6.00/person/day. Expect to improve your game by coming to the Dome!

HOSTESS DAY BRINGS FUN AND PRESENTS - AND A NEW SANTA

Our hard-working hostesses, who deliver our sandwiches, coffee, and other goodies on 43 Fridays, enjoyed themselves as 14 of our members took over as waiters and delivered everything, fully as well as the girls. Some Community House employees who are involved in jobs that affect our Club, also had fun as guests. All the guests not only had lunch but got a gift from Santa. For the first time in years, Marcel DeSmet was not the Santa. But Marcel was happy that his substitute did very well. The sub who performed quite professionally was member, Art Roller.

Entertainment, other than Santa, was the "Jills from Bloomfield Hills" -- an outstanding aggregation of lovely young women who not only sing well, but execute many graceful movements, apparently the work of a good choreographer. And here are the names of our brave members who passed the coffee without spilling.

George Atkinson  
Tom Alexander  
Ed Conley  
John Erhardt  
James Fonda

Murray Hayward  
George Kurche  
Karl Mathiak  
Bill McLaren  
Jim O'Neil

Gene Sparrow  
Les Swanson  
Ike Weiss  
Kent Wonnell

INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP - BOB LOTZ, CHAIRMAN

The next Investment Study Group meeting will be Wednesday, January 13, 2:45 p.m., at The Community House. The guest speaker is Jim Sansatara, V.P. Comerica Bank. His subject is "Stock Market Outlook".

The February meeting will be February 10 at The Community House. The guest speaker is Ralph Seger, President of Seger-Elvekrog Inc., a Birmingham Investment Management Company.

Investment Study Group meetings are held in The Community House on the second Wednesday of the month from September through June. The meetings start at 2:45 p.m. and end at 4:15 p.m. All members and applicants are invited.

CAMERA GROUP REPORT - STAN SKAISTIS, CHAIRMAN

"Going Under with Ike" will be presented by Irwin Weiss, Tuesday, January 12, at 2 p.m. Start the year right by joining us in this once-in-a-lifetime trip through Australia and New Zealand.

BRIDGE REPORT - ROY SNYPP

Thirty-two Rubber Bridge players participated on December 4. Mars Hubbard was high with 4390 points, followed by Fred Meyer at 3280 and Hockey Milikian at 3060. At Duplicate play, Ed Clarke had 60%. Jim Brown, George Snider and Joe Landre were next high of the 24 players.

On December 11, forty Rubber Bridge players participated. Carol Hollingshead (of Hostess fame) was high at 3640, besting Jerry Bartram, at 3040 and Carl Schorn, also at 3040. Of 28 Duplicate players, Jim Peters was high at 64%, followed by Art Burgott, Henry Bardsley and Joe Rattner.

There were four small slams bid and made:

6 NT by George Snider and Jim Brown  
 6 H by Jim Peters and Den Wonnell  
 6 H by Harold Merker and Reed Alexander  
 6 H by Ed Clarke and Bob Trees

BOWLING - RAY COMPTON, CHAIRMAN

Fifty-four men came out each Monday in December. So far, enough new bowlers have joined to off-set those that have dropped out. There is always room for those who would like to bowl.

The first half champions are team #3, Marcel DeSmet, Bob Klein, Jim Hobin and Jack Howitt. They beat out by only one point team #4, Charley Breitmeyer, Henry Sulewski, Murray Kennedy and Joe Chalmers.

December High Scorers were:

	<u>GAME</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
Tom Bedford	230	559
Ray Swartz	218	555
Bob Massey	216	494
Norm Clark	210	515
Les Swanson	202	543
Jim Reeves	200	545

The Christmas "Shoot-Out" winners were: Bedford, Breitmeyer, Compton, DeGrande, Garland, Gray, Hassberger, Hobin, Odom, Reeves, Upward, and Wagner.

On December 7, Ed Barrett had a "Triple" - Three games of 171, 171, 171. The PBA says the chances of that happening are about one in ten thousand !! Last month's mystery game winners were: Harry Mitchell, Jim Reeves and Les Swanson.

The second half of the bowling season started on January 4 and you are all invited to join us any and every Monday morning at nine o'clock. There are only three months of bowling left.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES FOR 1987 - - - - COMPILED BY WALT MEYERS

## Became Life Members:

Landre, Joseph H.	Robertson, Gordon H.	Thurman, Roy L.
Peck, Victor L.	Smith, Park H.	Vaughan, Orville V.
Rebb, Clement C.		

## New Members:

Angelo, Frank	Hinkamp, James B.	Paulus, Joseph F.
Barnes, Henry	Holiday, Frank R.	Pillon, Melvin S.
Bondy, Norman	Hollingshead, Pell	Poole, James H.
Boucher, Donald E.	Holtz, Charles L.	Porter, James T.
Brown, Chalmers	Isherwood, William	Prior, John H.
Caldwell, John R.	Jobin, George H.	Purvis, W. Scott
Carr, Jack H.	John, Colin H.	Raven, Edward J.
Compton, Ray	Kelly, Robert T.	Richards, Donald L.
Daly, Thomas F.	Kreasky, John T.	Ruhly, King
Frahm, Clarence	Kutosh, Stephen	Schlachter, Henry T.
Gaskin, Neo C.	Lamphere, Gordon W.	Schwab, Robert E.
Gowans, Colin B.	Lavrakas, John	Sharpe, C. Granville, Jr.
Graham, Thomas C.	Lynch, Edward J.	Strand, William J.
Hanna, V. Leonard	Maertens, Joseph	Strang, John R.
Hawk, William F.	Marlin, Thaddeus J.	Upward, Donald W.
Henderson, Gordon C.	Melin, Harold R.	Voelker, Donald F.
Hess, Eugene E.	Neppach, Carl	Watson, D. James, Jr.
Hickman, Harold C.	Obringer, Robert U.	Wearne, John W.
		Yatsko, Edward

## Transferred to Associate Membership:

DeWitt, Frederic	McCuen, Newell H.
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## Took Leave Of Absence:

Barrett, H. Milton	Harwood, John H.	McCombe, Edward
Bickel, John C.	Head, Herbert J.	Minor, Lance C.
Brown, William J.	Huntoon, Charles H.	Salley, Charles A.
Green, Howard	John, Colin H.	Shout, Howard F.
		Worthley, Leland N.

## Resignations:

Callahan, Edward D.	Jagnow, George T.	Mock, C. Deane
Carter, Thomas	Jeszke, Mitchell J.	Nighbor, Archie F.
Codner, Edward C.	Kaplan, David L. (Assoc.)	Norwood, Charles H.
Erdman, Robert J.	Kay, Chester W.	Wallich, Edward F.
Ferguson, Edgar S.	Keefe, Thomas A.	Walicke, Edward (Assoc.)
Fletcher, Charles C.	Little, James	Walker, Claude (Assoc.)
Gilmartin, Henry J.	Lindsay, John D.	Woodburn, William B.
Grierson, Ralph B.	Magill, Robert F.	Work, G. B.

## Deaths:

Barden, Robert (Assoc)	Henninger, Joseph R.	Sergeson, Robert (Life)
Bromley, Walter T.	Kernan, William J.	Stinson, Lester
Brown, William J.	Lunn, Harry H. (Life)	Stuecheli, Milton B.
Colville, A. Melvin (L)	Lutz, C. Earl	Taylor, Kenneth P.
Clark, Lemore W. (L)	Mills, Thomas J.	Tyndall, Clyde D.
Crabb, Leslie G.	Nesbitt, Daniel	Ward, Tom
Decker, Jacob S.	Paulson, Richard L.	Weinman, Eric W.
Frost, Marcus W. (L)	Satterthwaite, Philip	Zeidler, Reinhold C.

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IN MEMORY

WILLIAM J. BROWN, who joined the Club in 1978, died December 1. He was our Corresponding Secretary in 1985, 1986, and part of 1987. Bill's career was in the various areas of financial and business management of corporations. He started as an accountant, and moved up into phases of management that included auditing and organizational planning for various departments of a business. His last thirty years were with several divisions of General Motors. Bill was a member of the Economic Club of Detroit and the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. A memorial service was held at the church December 5. The family suggests that memorial tributes may be sent to the church or to the Senior Men's Club.

REINHOLD C. ZEIDLER, who joined the Club in 1969, died December 15. He was one of the automotive industry's most respected engineers, spending his lifetime in that field. He retired from Borg-Warner when he joined our club, but frequently was called on for consultation by his former employers and others in the industry. Many of us remember the annual parties he held for members, who met on his boat for cocktails, then enjoyed luncheon at the Detroit Yacht Club. He was a Life Member of that club, as well as a 60-year member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. He would have become a Life Member of the Senior Men's Club this month on his 85th birthday. A memorial service was held at the Vasu, Rodgers, and Connell Funeral Home December 29.

JOSEPH R. HENNINGER, a member since 1973, died December 27. When he joined our Club he quickly began attending every meeting - and every bridge game. In his third year he was made Vice Chairman of Cards - a post he held until 1978. In 1979 and 1980 he was Bridge Chairman. For five years he refrained from Chairmanship but was a regular high score player. He accepted the Bridge Chairman job again in 1986 and served until his illness in 1987. In his profession, Joe was an electrical engineer with the famous Albert Kahn architectural organization for 30 years up to his retirement in 1969. An extra activity of Joe's was his work toward safety on the water through his membership in the Birmingham Power Squadron, where he taught navigation. A memorial service was held at the Vasu, Rodgers, and Connell Funeral Home December 29. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Gardens, Livonia.

COMMUNITY HOUSE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN -- CHICK HOLMES REPORTING

Congratulations are in order to all 211 Members and 38 Applicants!

Through 12/18/87, Members have pledged or given \$83,340 and Applicants have pledged or given \$7,235. In addition, the Club has pledged \$15,000 over five years, of which \$3,000 has already been given. This makes the grand total pledged \$105,575, with over 50% of our members yet to give.

March is the deadline by which pledges in total must equal \$2,200,000 for the Community House to receive \$400,000 from the Kresge Foundation and reach the \$2,600,000 total goal. Non-givers, please join those of us who have already pledged or given.

The House needs your help!

To you who have given so generously. THANK YOU.

1988 ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE FOR APPLICANTS

<u>A THRU F</u>	<u>G THRU L</u>	<u>M THRU R</u>	<u>S THRU Z</u>
Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29
Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26
Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 25
Apr. 1	Apr. 8	Apr. 15	Apr. 22
Apr. 29	May 6	May 13*	May. 27
June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22
Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23
Sept. 30	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21
Oct. 28	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 18*

\* There are no meetings on May 20 or November 25  
The Club does not meet in August.

Note: There are no meetings for Applicants in December

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES FOR DECEMBER, 1987

Special Birthday Greetings: (Ninety and over)

Dave Stamy, Life Member, who will be 91 years old on January 17

Paul Ulrich, Life Member, who will be 91 years old on January 25

Became Life Member: Park H. Smith, who joined in February, 1971

Took Leave of Absence: John H. Harwood and Howard Green

Resignation: Thomas C. Carter, who joined in June, 1985