

The Reminder

July 2002

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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Applicants are reminded of the "revised requirements for attendance" approved by the executive board of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham on March 19, 2002. Notice was provided on the front page of the April 2002 Reminder.

"All applicants are required to attend three (3) regular Friday club meetings by the end of September each year during their "waiting period." Should the applicant not attend the required meetings for two consecutive years, he will be removed from the "waiting list." If interested, the applicant may reapply through his sponsor and then be placed at the bottom of the waiting list.

Those applicants who did not attend three meetings during the year 2001, and to date have not attended three meetings for the year 2002, have until Friday, September 27, 2002 to meet the requirement or they will be dropped from the waiting list. You are reminded that there are no meetings during the month of August.

Applicants accepted after September 1, 2001 are excluded from the requirement for that year.

Applicants are welcome to attend Friday meetings after September 27, 2002, however, they will not receive any credit for attendance. Reservations to attend may be required and will be announced in The Reminder.

—Gordon Miller

JULY PROGRAMS

JULY CHAIRMAN: George Miller

- 5 NO MEETING
- 12 Steven M. Horn Chief Operating Officer, The Detroit Zoological Society
"It's Not Your Father's Zoo - What's New at The Detroit Zoo"
- 19 Dennis Braid Executive Director, Michigan State Trust for Railway Preservation
"A Unique Plan to Preserve and Demonstrate Steam Era Railroading Technology of The Great Lakes Region"
- 26 Stanford C. Stoddard Chairman, Michigan Trust Bank
"Banking and Financial Landscape"

JULY DISCUSSIONS

JULY CHAIRMAN: John Lorimer

- 5 NO MEETING
- 12 Lou Wilking GM International Division
"International Executive Business Opportunities"
- 19 Dr. Michael Stafford Director, Cranbrook Institute of Science
"Insight into Cranbrook Institute of Science"
- 26 Norris Lee Senior Men's Club Member
"Remembrance"

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings for July:

Max Roosa, life member will be 88 on July 1
Sherm Vine will be 85 on July 3
Steve Kulesa will be 86 on July 6
Ben Nygard will be 86 on July 6
George Atkinson, life member will be 92 on July 8
Robert Pearce, life member will be 88 on July 11
Pete Zemnickas will be 85 on July 16
Grant Barber, life member will be 90 on July 17
Edward Bush, life member will be 90 on July 22
Joe Chalmers will be 87 on July 24
Stanley Fiol, life member will be 87 on July 24
Ted Olson will be 86 on July 25

Special Birthday Greetings for August:

Dr. Norm Schmitt, life member will be 92 on August 1
Paul Fitzpatrick, life member and past pres' ('88) will be 92 on August 5
Edward McCombe, life member will be 92 on August 6
Frank Hilton, life member will be 92 on August 7
Judge Carl Ingraham, life member will be 90 on August 13
Harry Mitchell, life member will be 86 on August 17
Herb Lugers, life member will be 91 on August 19
Ken Bertschy, life member will be 87 on August 21
John Geggie, life member will be 91 on August 23
Jack Marshall will be 87 on August 23
Dr. Ed Quinn will be 85 on August 27

New Applicants:

Guilford W. Forbes, (Patricia), 23910 Trailwood Ct., Bingham Farms, 48025 (248)646-5898
Sponsor: Jack Corey
A. Robert Stevenson, (Suzanne), 1252 E. Indian Mound, Bloomfield Hills, 48301 (248)647-6265
Sponsor: Robert V. Hackett

New Members:

William M. Straith, (Hope), 3770 Pinelake Knoll, West Bloomfield, 48324 (248)683-2374
Sponsor: Jack Corey

Birthdays of Members on Leave of Absence:

August 1, Leon Snapp
August 20, George D. Miller, Jr.
August 30, Bob Derderian

Birthdays of Associate Members:

August 29, Carver Wood, past pres' ('01)
August 30, John Schafer

Deaths:

Wayne A. Brooks joined February 1992

Resigned:

Roy T. Allemeier joined March 1986

—Bill Peschel and Jim D'Allemand

Niagara on the Lake Tour Report



A good looking bunch at a good looking place

The Special Events Committee has received only good comments from the members and their spouses attending this event. We were on schedule and busy all the time, taking in the Chateau Des Charmes Winery tour and tasting, which the group enjoyed to the fullest, then visiting Lock #3 on the Welland Canal to watch a lake freighter being raised in the lock while we stood on the viewing platform. We arrived at White Oaks Resort on schedule to be greeted by a friendly staff, and stayed in top notch accommodations. The sit-down dinner and buffet breakfast in the Imperial Room were first class. Members wished that we were staying two nights instead of one night.

The Shaw Festival Theatre and the two plays were up to their high standards. We toured Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Niagara Parkway with stops to get out and see the interesting views and the Botanical Gardens. At lunch at the Table Rock Restaurant, we sat on the second floor overlooking Niagara Falls.

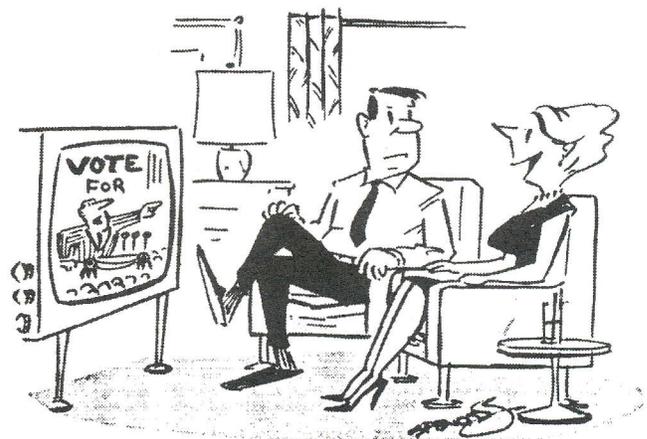
For those interested, a small photo album record of the tour will be available at a modest cost at a later date.

The first overnight bus tour in the history of SMC was a success and we thank those who made it possible by their presence. It was worth the effort.

—Hudson Scheifele

Almost Election Time

Most times when you write to a politician, you wait for a reply — if you get one at all. Not now. That's because the primaries are coming. Can the pleasure of campaign broadcasts and literature be far behind? Here's an old cartoon we ran across a long time back; funny how the more things change, the more they stay the same.



"I think I prefer the Republicans for clichés,
but the Democrats for platitudes."

Thanks and Best Wishes



We wish the best to Carver Wood, immediate past president of SMC who is moving to Toledo, Ohio to be near his son. This seems to be a growing trend; in just the past few months, we've said goodbye to Ed

Conley and Ray Swartz for similar reasons. Someone once said that change is inevitable, so...

Nonetheless, we will miss Carver who did a very fine job in leading our club last year. We wish him well and thank him for his good services.

For Veterans

Most of us have served in the military in either WWII or Korea. There are medals waiting for you if you haven't already received them. Don't be bashful in asking for yours; you earned them. Here's where you write to get yours:

ARMY:

National Personnel Records Center
Medals Section (NRPMA-M)
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

AIR FORCE:

Air Force Reference Branch (NRPMF)
Same Address as above

NAVY, COAST GUARD AND MARINE CORPS:

Bureau of Naval Personnel
Liaison Office Room 5409
Same Address as above

If you have discharge papers and other documentation, send a copy with your request. If not, the above address will provide help. Expect to wait a while if you don't have proper documents, but you will receive your appropriate medals if you ask for them.

Big Questions

Why does Hawaii have interstates?
Why is "abbreviation" such a long word?
If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?
Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?
Why are flotation devices under airplane seats rather than parachutes?

—Anonymous

Golf

There will be no golf on Thursday, July 4, 2002. Lately attendance has been great but there is always room for more golfers. Please continue to arrive at the course in time to be ready for your tee time. A scramble will be held on July 18, 2002. Details for this event will be available at the sign in table at the Springdale Golf Course. More golf events are being planned for the future.

—Bill Reilly



The Reminder Is Indebted To

(Formerly Bob Babcock), Bill Peschel and Jim D'Allemand.

There are two major functions of The Reminder. One is to publish the program topics and speakers for the coming month. The other is to bring us up to date on Membership News. For the latter, we are indebted to these men, who keep us informed about birthdays of note, deaths, new applicants, new members, etc. This is a job that requires tracking and reporting, and that's vital to our being a club that is not only personal but current.

Those of us who put The Reminder together each month are particularly grateful, because Bill, Bob and Jim have their copy in to the office in good condition and on time. Thanks, guys!



No Meetings In August

...but if you forget and show up at The Community House that first Friday, call your spouse, have her join you on the terrace for a very nice lunch. (If you enter on the north side, you've noticed that it is set up beautifully.) You'll be glad you did!

Bridge Report

Contract averaged seven players. High average scorers for this period were Byron Converse (2680), Henry Dawkins (2425), Al Wagner (1873), Don McNair (1820), Carl Schorn (1810). There were no slams.

Duplicate averaged 30 players. High scorers were John Steele (69.4%), Bill Straith (65.6%), Bob Davis (64.0%), Ed Chambliss (63.89%). There were 20 small slams and one grand slam.

—Zack Endress and Don McNair

Summer Dress Code

President Ernie Bergan announced at our last meeting that the summer dress code was in as of June 21, 2002. You can shuck the coats and ties for the balance of June and July. (No meetings in August.) It should be noted that we sometimes see members, January to June, without said apparel items; now they can be quite in style until September!



Investment Study Group

In October 2001, 45 members started with a fictitious \$100,000 amount of investment money to try their skills on increasing their returns. Exactly 1/3 of the members exceeded the amount with which they started. The winners are:



Henry Noonan	\$178,737	78.7% increase
John Slocum	139,881	39.9% increase
Bill MacLachlan	129,645	29.7% increase

During the time period between October 12, 2001 (start) and May 31, 2002 (end) the DJIA was up only 6.22%.

Certificates of recognition were presented to all three and Mr. Noonan received a gift certificate to Peabody's restaurant. Bob Bazzell was also commended for his diligence and thoroughness in tracking the participant's portfolios.

Remember, in September 2002 there will be new forms for any of you to complete and enter. The forms will be available from Tom Van Voorhis, George Miller or Bill Johnson this fall.

During the coming year, we thought members would like to learn more about our Michigan based companies. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, 2002, with representatives from Lear Corp. This will be an informational type meeting.

—Bill Johnson

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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 2002 are: Ernest Bergan, president; Benjamin E. Ewing, first vice president; Richard N. Harper, second vice president; John H. McLaughlin, recording secretary; Frank Barnes, corresponding secretary; Raymond Latovick, treasurer; William F. Minard, assistant treasurer; Robert Bannon and Don Cox, officers at large.

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

Church Tour



Reserve Monday, July 1, 2002 for a unique and interesting special event. The Detroit Historical Society presents a tour of Historic Houses of Worship in Detroit. The cost for this tour of historical Detroit churches is \$35.00 each and includes the tour, transportation and lunch.

The churches you will visit are: The Unitarian-Universalist Church; Bethel A.M.E. Church; Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church; St. John Cantius Roman Catholic Church and Holy Cross Hungarian Church.

The last date for the sale of tickets will be June 21, 2002. The tour was started as a presentation and educational effort. People go all over the world to visit cathedrals and churches. We have some of the most beautiful churches here in Detroit.

Sorry If You Didn't Get It...



Last issue, we published a couple of absolutely ridiculous items on diets. These

lampooned some of the current advisories on eating more fruits and vegetables, and they contended, for instance, that since cows eat grass — a veggie — eating beef was a great way to eat vegetables. We continue the joke:

Q: Is beer and wine bad for me?

A: Look, it goes to the earlier point about fruits and vegetables.

Scientists divide everything into three categories — animal, mineral, and vegetable. Beer and wine aren't animal, nor are they mineral, so that leaves only one thing: Here's to good health, have drink and enjoy liquid vegetables!

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: Are you kidding? Cocoa beans — another vegetable. It's the best feel-good food around.

Q: What's the secret to healthy eating?

A: Thicker gravy.

One thing is certain: laughing is good for you. Hope we've given you a simple, quick pickup of sorts!

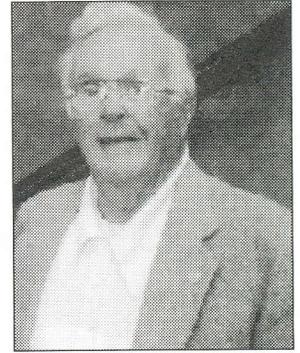
Computer Group

Birmingham Computer's John Wigman will address the Computer Group at its July meeting. The meeting will be held at The Community House at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, July 17, 2002.

—Chuck Kirkpatrick

New Life Member

On June 28, 2002, Bill Hassberger joined the elite segment of SMC as he became its newest Life Member. Bill met all the requirements for Golden Oldie membership — age, length of membership and service.



For thirty years, he was employed by the Chevrolet Division of General Motors as a purchasing agent, retiring in 1974. During World War II, he was in the U.S. Army stationed in the Philippines.

A native of Michigan, Bill attended the University of Michigan, Chrysler Institute and G.M.I. He was also active in local politics as president of the Beverly Hills Council, an Oakland County Commissioner and a Southfield Township Supervisor. He presently lives in Royal Oak. Congratulations, Bill!

—Bill Reilly

Camera Group



There will be no more meetings until September.

—Bill Gridley

Club Dates to Remember

Executive Board Meeting: 9:30 a.m. July 9, 2002.

Reminder Deadline: August 16, 2002.

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

Golf: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. at Springdale.

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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