

AWAKENING

The sun was warm, but the wind was chill.  
You know how it is with an April Day:  
When the sun is out and the wind is still,  
You're one month on in the middle of May.  
But if you so much as dare to speak,  
A cloud comes over the sunlit arch,  
A wind comes off a frozen peak,  
And you're two months back in the middle  
of March.

Robert Frost

Never yet was a springtime,  
Late though lingered the snow,  
That the sap stirred not at  
the whisper  
Of the southwind, sweet and low;  
Never yet was a springtime  
When the buds forgot to blow.

Margaret Sangster  
(1838-1912)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of March was an interesting one for our club. We had excellent programs, thanks to Roy Thurman, Program Chairman, and George Johnston, Leader for the Month.

Our drive for contributions to The Community House is progressing. Let's aim for 100% participation from our members.

We introduced Paul E. Thomas, Jr. the new Executive Director of The Community House, at one of our regular Friday meetings. He was formerly an employment manager at the J. L. Hudson Co. We are fortunate to have someone like Mr. Thomas here, as he is interested in our club and most cooperative.

It is a pleasure to welcome back our members who have been in warmer climates. We missed them.

Harold J. Simms

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APRIL PROGRAMS

- April 7 -- Speaker - Rev. Dr. Frederick Olert  
Topic --- "Presidents of the United States"
- April 14 -- Speaker - Rev. Dr. Carl A. Eberhard, City of Detroit Councilman  
Topic --- "Conditions in Detroit"
- April 21 -- Speaker - Robert L. Templin, Judge - Oakland County Circuit Court  
Topic --- "Law Enforcement"
- April 28 -- Speaker - Mr. Vince Desmond, Traveling Secretary, Detroit Baseball Co.  
Topic --- "Detroit Tigers - 1972"

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ATTENTION

Turn to the last page and read the important item noted by Geoffrey Whittaker. Remember - When we were kids, ten cents was BIG money. How dimes have changed.

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GUESTS IN MARCH:

Arnold Staschke - guest of Ray Snell  
Bill Ragsdale - guest of Tom Miller  
Norman White - guest of August Hofer  
Russell Crandall - guest of Roger Crandall  
Claude Walker - guest of Dick De...  
Edward Bill Colley - guest of F...  
Mark Benner - guest of Jim Potta

The following were welcomed to membership during March:

Armond Staschke - 1944 Sheffield, B'ham 48008 - Phone - MI 4-0108  
Ralph L. Sievewright - 5315 Longmeadow, B.H. 48013 - Phone - 647-4958  
Claude E. Walker - 32600 Telegraph, B.H. 48013 - Phone - MI 4-0195  
Ed W. Colby - 7426 Deep Run, B'ham 48010 - Phone - MI 4-7631  
William Hudson Ragsdale - 4882 Loch Lomond Dr., B'ham 48010-Phone-626-2309  
William S.T. Renton - 1647 Shipman Blvd., B'ham 48009 - Phone - 644-8530

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Corrections to the Directory:

Fred C. Fisher - Troy 48084, instead of Bloomfield Hills 48013  
William S. Wilson - 856 Colonial Court, Birmingham 48009

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Among our guests last month was Paul Keener. He has gone many miles from us since he was introduced. Our optimistic President will count him as one returning to our group, but most of our members would figure the increased miles of separation. Is he going, or returning? Partial Itinerary follows:

Tahiti	Bali	Rio
New Zealand	Kenya	Martinique
New Guinea		Balboa
		Acapulco

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ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA - Ye faithful reporter heard that five members of the Senior Men's Club and their wives had a delightful get-together at Bill Losie's charming home in Redington Beach March 1st. Bill and his lovely wife, Edith, were hosts for a "happy hour" for the Chris Franks and Frank Hudsons from Sarasota, Frank Cartwrights from Treasure Island and the John Daneke from St. Petersburg. Luncheon, "Dutch Treat", was served at Gene's Lobster House. Everyone vowed they would repeat the happy occasion next year. It's great to be a member of the Birmingham Senior Men's Club!

John Daneke

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La pont du Birmingham

Dear Ed,

I normally do not write letters to the Editor, but here are the three top bridge scores for the month of March, 1972:

Geof Whittaker	15,730
Carl Schorn	15,430
C. P. Richards	14,600

This statement has not been audited by a CPA, but is believed to be correct.

Yours,

Phil Berry

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Bowling Notes

The "Bowling Bust" was first announced for Monday, April 17th, but to accommodate a greater number of bowlers, it has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 18th, at The Community House. All Senior Club Members are invited to attend. Tickets are available from Team Captains.

Monday, April 3rd, is the last day of regular team competition to determine the 2nd half champion. John Daneke's "Swingers" and Vern Bryant's "Saints" will battle for this position. The following week, April 10th, these same two teams could be meeting again --- but this time for the Overall Championship.

On the last day of bowling (April 10th), all bowlers will be striving for prizes to be awarded for Hi-Over-Average scores in various brackets and for "Blind Doubles".

Wes Groves is showing no signs of weakening in the home stretch. Currently, he is leading in all individual categories - Hi Single - 256, Hi Three - 610 and Hi Average - 173.

Walt Dreyer

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Camera Club

The Camera Club will meet Tuesday, at 2:00 P.M., April 11th, at the home of Owen Goodrich, Limerick Lane. Harry Rogan will show a 16 MM film on Mexico.

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Golf Notes

Senior Men's Golf will start on Monday, April 10th, at Springdale course, beginning at 9:00 O'clock. We have agreed to guarantee 20 players on Monday and will tee off in order of arrival.

There will be the same \$1.00 initiation fee as last year.

Golf (Cont'd)

Thursday, 13th of April, we will start the season of the scheduled four-somes as they are posted on the lineup. We have agreed to have 50 players on Thursdays. This is the only day scores will be recorded and kept for determining a handicap.

Jim Greer

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WORD STUDY

The idea of transporting pupils out of their neighborhood provokes heated controversy. Not only is the suggested solution uncertain, but our respected magazines and papers do not even agree on the spelling of the word which defines it. The spelling varies in the different media, and even in the columns of the same paper or magazine.

For Example:

1. bu-sing - pronounced like musing.

Example: The driver, busing all day, enjoyed good spirits.

2. bussing - Webster - to buss, kiss, smack.

Example: The driver enjoyed his work, happily bussing the children, but many of the parents and children were opposed to the program.

A problem of neighborhood schools comes up.

Let "a" be home neighborhood school.  
And "b" the out of neighborhood school.

The question becomes, to "b" or not to "b".

The next word is acupuncture. We need Dr. Walser for this one, but for a start, how about needlepoint design.

Example: The doctor took first prize in acupuncture. The patient was deeply touched.

It is to be hoped that the members will profit from this word study. The problem of transportation may be solved but the solution will be a taxing one for each member. The second one has been eyed by the inscrutable Chinese for many years, and one may be sure that they have the right slant on it.

Are you confused too?

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MEMBERS - Please advise your Special Events Committee of any suggestions you may have for Special Events.

Thursday, May 25th, will be a special program for our ladies. More details soon.

Dick Dewey

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AN IMPORTANT ITEM

The Community House has started its annual drive for operating funds to add to its income for 1972. As most of you know, The Community House is self supporting and receives no money from the City of Birmingham or from the Torch Drive.

The Community House sponsors the Senior Men's Club and has done so ever since the club was formed in 1957 by a small, but enthusiastic, group of senior men.

While the Senior Men's Club donates a certain amount of money each year to the Fund Drive, this in no way should effect what each member gives individually.

In the last two years, approximately 45% of our membership gave to the fund individually. Perhaps this figure is a little low as we are sure that some of our members didn't mark their checks "Senior Men's Club" as requested. It is important that you mark your checks as we would like to receive the credit for all our donations.

Your officers, and Executive Board, would like very much to increase the percentage of contributors from 45% to 100%, if at all possible, as we think we have something here that we can't find anywhere else in the area. Our table service, by our lovely hostesses, is superb and couldn't be matched anywhere at any price. Due to these ladies serving us, of their own free will, the price of our lunches is lower than it would be otherwise.

Gentlemen, we think we have a great club, a fine congenial group of men, and, I am sure, it is something we all need after retirement and as we grow older. The Community House is practically a private club house as far as we are concerned, and we certainly couldn't match it anywhere else hereabouts.

With all these things in mind, we feel every member should try to increase his contribution this year, or if you aren't one of the 45% who contributed last year, please try to do so this year - no matter how small an amount.

I think you all agree we owe it to The Community House, and to our Club, to support this drive if we can possibly do so.

Geoffrey Whittaker,  
Chairman Policy Committee