

The Reminder



Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

JANUARY 1998

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: MAURICE ALLEN

- 2** Speaker: Balthazar Korab, Internationally celebrated photographer
 Subject: "Seeing Our World"
All Applicants invited
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- 9** Speakers: Mark Coir, Director Cranbrook Archives
 Dr. Robert M. Garvin, Jr., New President: Cranbrook
 Subject: "Cranbrook: An International Treasure Plans Its Future"
Applicants invited A - D
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- 16** Speaker: Dr. Paul Boylan, Vice Provost for the Arts, Dean of the School of Music, The University of Michigan
 Subject: "Music and the Arts at Michigan"
Applicants invited E - K
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- 23** Speaker: John Castellana, FAIA, Principal TMP Associates, Architects
 Subject: "The Buildings That Shape Your Grandchildren"
Applicants invited L - Q
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- 30** Speakers: Thomas Markus, City Manager
 Patty McCullough, Community Planner, Birmingham
 Subject: "Humanizing Our Cities: Birmingham's Vision"
Applicants invited R - Z

Discussion Groups

JANUARY CHAIRMAN: PAUL FITZPATRICK

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| Jan. 2 | Paul Fitzpatrick | "Year 1998: Good or Bad?" |
| Jan. 9 | Edward C. Conley | Surprise |
| Jan. 16 | Edwin H. Hoagland | "Discourse" |
| Jan. 23 | Paul Fitzpatrick | "The Automobile Crop" |
| Jan. 30 | Benjamin E. Ewing | "Libraries & Censorships" |

Applicants to Hear of Africa's Hunger

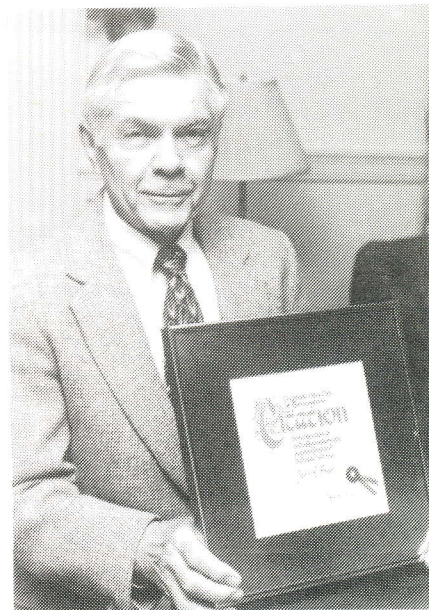
"Hunger Issues in Africa," will be the subject of a talk by SMC member Harold Stanton at 2:00 p.m., Jan. 20 meeting of the Applicant Activity.

Stanton took seven trips to Africa during the 1987-91 period on behalf of the United Methodist Church, organized three projects to feed hungry

Africans and also helped establish the Africa University. He served with Ford for 30 years, retiring in 1987 as product manager of business and strategic planning of the Tractor Division.

Chairman Gordon Miller said that highlights of 1998 plans for the Applicant Activity will follow.

Prior Wins Club Award



John Prior was presented with the 1997 Award for Distinguished Service to the Senior Men's Club at the Dec. 5 luncheon. A 34-year executive of GM, he joined the SMC in 1987 and has been active in many Club activities, including computer, database, membership and handbook. Jim Lowman also won a similar award last month.

John Wigman Talks To Computer Group

John Wigman, owner of Birmingham Computer, will speak to the Computer Group at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 21.

Don Cox said: "John Wigman spoke to the group last winter and was such a hit, we asked him back again. He has a great deal of experience and relates it in an interesting manner.

"Last year, we were unable to come up with a technical question he couldn't answer. Come join us, bring questions and let's see if we can stump him this time."



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Award-Winning Film for Camera Group

An interesting story of how an unusual and exciting motion picture made a significant contribution to the introduction of a new line of Pontiac cars will be the subject of a talk to the Camera Group at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 12, according to Dick Golze, chairman of the Camera Group.

Speaker will be SMC member Jim Bostwick. Before his retirement from General Motors in 1979, Bostwick had been manager of GM audiovisual production for his last 30 years with GM.

In his presentation, Bostwick will show an award-winning film he produced entitled "The Great Breakaway." It was part of promotional materials introducing the new 1969 Pontiacs when John DeLorean was divisional general manager.

Bostwick says this movie intro-

duced the "We Build Excitement" theme used by Pontiac ever since.

Pianist Stars at SMC



Marian Staczmski, pianist extraordinary, entertained SMC members at the Dec. 12 luncheon with a delightful selection of classical music. (Photo by John Prior.)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings:

Jack Carr, Life Member, will be 91 on Jan. 14.

Associate Member Birthdays:

Jack Finley, Jan. 6.

Change of Address:

Al Baur, 15191 Ford Rd. #417, Dearborn, MI 48126, 313-581-2050.

A. Karl Scharff, 19710 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

Took Leave of Absence: Hiller Pries.

Deaths: Lawrence Hobart, Life Member, who joined in July, 1976.

Thomas Porter, who joined in Jan., 1996.

Eugene Sparrow, who joined in Apr., 1977.

New Members:

Crandell, Bernard W., (Martha), 1015 Pleasant, Birmingham, 48009, 644-0702. Sponsor: Andrew O'Keefe.

Keeney, Stewart E., (Toni), 32275 Arlington, Beverly Hills, 48025, 647-2144. Sponsor: Robert Lyle.

Simmons, Luel, (Marian), 2651 Squirrel, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 644-4804. Sponsor: Tom Roberts.

Became Life Member:

Noe Gaskin, On leave, who joined in Nov. 1987.

Sherman LaMeasure, who joined in Dec. 1981.

Gordon Lamphere, who joined in Sept. 1987.

Became Associate:

James Hinkamp, 145 Columbia Ave. #325, Holland, MI 49423.

--Walt Meyers

Y'all Come See Us - Most of the Time!

To eliminate repetition in each article in THE REMINDER about Club activities, Here is a general statement of policy on attendance at various events.

Applicants, wives and friends are invited to almost all activities of the Senior Men's Club.

However, attendance at Friday luncheons is restricted because of space limitations, with applicants being invited to attend one meeting per month except for December when reservations are required. Also, there are separate golf leagues for regular and applicant members and the annual golf and bowling outings are "for men only."

If there are questions, call the person quoted in the article.

Christmas Party Was Outstanding Success

Over 200 members, applicants and spouses braved the first major winter storm to attend the annual Christmas Dinner Dec. 10 at the Community House.

The magic of Christmas was captured with background holiday music and twinkling lights and entertainment.

The entertainment featured some holiday humor by Ernie Bergan and music by the Madison Chorale directed by Maureen Kennedy.

Credit for the event's success goes to co-chairmen John Ellis and Roger Struck plus committee members Ernie Bergan, Don Clark, Art Held, Jim Lowman, Bob Lyle, Irv Poston, Granville Sharpe and Dick Sneed.

Dues Are Due Now!

Club dues should be paid by year's end; make checks out to Senior Men's Club of Birmingham.

Active member dues are \$30, Applicants, Associate and On-Leave members \$10. Member dues payable to Walt Meyers, applicant dues to Joe Kern.

Club Names and Numbers Game

Here are some interesting facts about the membership of the SMC at year's end, - compiled by Brad Ballard.

Most repeated last names: Smith, 11; Wagner and Williams, 4 each.

New members during 1997, 34; deceased, 30; resigned, 8.

SMC status as of 12/1/97: Active, 420; Life, 62; Associate, 14; Leave of Absence, 28 and Associates, 303. Total membership, 827.

Average age of active members, 77.

Art Byington Again Tops Club Bowlers

After 12 weeks of bowling, Ray Latovick reports the following:

Leading Team: Dick Harper, Bill Minard, Virgil Smith, Tom Tabor.

Team High Game (710): Harry Deem, Ray Latovick, Ed Neill, Stormy Wetters.

Team High Series (2,032): Tom Bedford, Chuck Frederick, Bob Jordan, Don Upward.

Leaders in individual scoring:

High Average: Art Byington, 177.

High Game: Wetters, 243.

High Series: Byington, 602.

Last Call for Auto Show Bus Tickets

"We are almost sold out for the bus trip to the Detroit International Auto Show on Jan. 15," says Roger Struck.

A 55-passenger bus has been chartered and will leave from the back of the First Presbyterian Church at 1669 West Maple, Birmingham at 10 a.m. and return about 4 p.m.

Bus tickets are \$8 per person and admission to the Auto Show is \$4 for seniors. Participants are on their own for lunch.

If you're interested in going to the International Auto Show, call Struck at 646-3657.

Henderson and Ruhly Lead Bridge Players

Bert Henderson and King Ruhly had top bridge scores for the period ending Dec. 5, according to report by Zac Endress and Al Wagner.

Contract

Bert Henderson	4450
Don McNair	4210
Henry Dawkins	3560
Herb Lugers	3530

Duplicate

King Ruhly	67%
Larry Halloran	64%
Jack Gates	62%

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 8	Golf Practice Begins at Golf Dome	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 12	Camera Group	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	Executive Board	9:30 a.m.
Jan. 14	Investment Study Group	2:45 p.m.
Jan. 15	Bus Tour to International Auto Show	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 16	Deadline for THE REMINDER	
Jan. 20	Applicant Activity	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Computer Group	2:30 p.m.

Bridge: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Fridays after lunch.

Golf: Mondays & Thursdays at Golf Dome on John R. north of 12 Mile Road

Bowling: Mondays at Thunderbird Lanes, 9:15 a.m.

ALL EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE
UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

Children's Village Drive Nets \$5,502

Congratulations are in order for John Spomer and the estimated 300 Club members whose gifts helped achieve an all-time record for the Senior Men's Club fund drive to benefit the Oakland County Children's Village. Contributions totaled \$5,501.65.

A last-minute appeal and final passing of "The Amazing Jug" at the Dec. 12 luncheon meeting resulted in another \$300. This put the drive well over its \$5,000 goal and the highest previous goal of \$4,340 raised in 1996.

Spomer is stepping down as chairman of this worthy drive, after serving since 1986 and being responsible for raising a total of \$29,993. He said this money is used for "extras," focusing on recreation, sports equipment and gifts for events like Christmas and Easter.

Phil Werner has agreed to assume responsibility for this annual drive.

Investors to Hear "Wall Street Waltz"

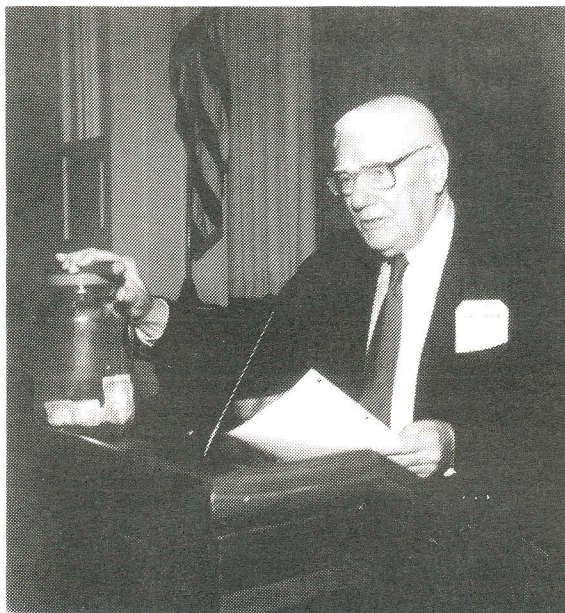
Bill Halbert, of the Birmingham office of Paine Webber, will make his 11th appearance before the Investment Study Group at 2:45 p.m. Jan. 14.

Halbert will give us his knowledgeable perspective on what's happening to the stock market in a talk entitled "The Wall Street Waltz," says Dick Harper.

Attendance Champs

Congratulations to Joe Kern, Ken Nagley, Bill Reilly and Sherwin Vines for attending all 41 meetings during 1997, according to Attendance Chairman Brad Ballard.

Ray Swartz only missed one luncheon. Honorable mention goes to Frank Garland, Norris Lee, John MacDonald, Bill MacLachlan and Virgil Smith who attended 39 meetings.



John Spomer and "Friend

Valentine Lunch-Bridge Scheduled for Feb. 11

A Valentine luncheon-bridge event for couples is planned for Feb. 11 at the Community House.

Harry Cyphers says that "party bridge" will be played with no change in partners, and there will be prizes for the winners.

Other details will be announced in early January.

Club Golfers Plan Busy 1998 Season Beginning Jan. 8

Avid golfers can start getting their swings grooved in Jan. 8 when the practice sessions begin at the Golf Dome on John R. just north of 12 Mile Road. Sessions will be Mondays and Thursdays until the regular seasons for both regular and applicant members begin.

The Applicant Golf League will open Apr. 20 or 27 at the White Lake Oaks Golf Club located on Williams Lake Road south of M-59, according to Virgil Smith.

The 18-week season will be held Mondays with 8:30 a.m. tee-off time. Cost will be \$48.

Participation will be limited to 15 foursomes. Applicants will have preference in joining the league, followed by regular members with longest seniority. Deadline for signing up is Feb. 27 for applicants and regular Club members can sign-up Feb. 28 through Mar. 13. Checks must be to Virgil Smith by Mar. 14.

For further information or to sign-up for golf, call Fran De Grande at 489-1064.

Information on the regular golf league plans will be announced later, says Ray Swartz.

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