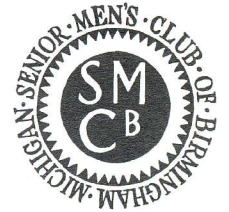


The Reminder

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



Senior Men's Club Officers for Year 2000



DECEMBER 1999

DECEMBER CHAIRMAN: RAY LATOVICK

- 3** Speaker: Edward C. Conley
SMC Member
Subject: "This Millenium Wasn't So Bad"
Applicants A - Z
- 10** Pianists: Marion Siatczynski & Irene Mattutat
"Duets"
Applicants A - Z

JANUARY 2000

- 7** Speaker: Richard C. Frank, FAIA
Preservation Architect & Planner
Subject: "Preserving America's Architectural Heritage"
Applicants A - D

Discussion Groups

DECEMBER CHAIRMAN: MAURICE ALLEN, JR.

- Dec. 3** Speaker: Manuel Rosenbaum
Topic: "Prostate Health Education"
- Dec. 10** Speaker: Dr. Marshall G. Katz
Topic: "Introduction to Managed Health Care Plans"
- Jan. 7.** Speaker: Paul Fitzpatrick, SMC Member
Topic: "FASTER"

Bill Reilly Heads Veteran Officer Group for 2000

William T. Reilly is the first president of the 21st Century for the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham.

Also elected as officers for the year 2000 is a group of men with records of outstanding leadership in Club activities. They are shown in the photo at left.

First row, left to right: Ben Ewing, secretary; Carver Wood, first vice president; President Reilly; Ernie Bergan, second vice president; and Dick Harper, corresponding secretary.

Back row, Ed Neill, officer at large; Bill Minard, assistant treasurer; Ray Latovick, treasurer; and Frank Barnes, officer at large.

REILLY ACTIVE LEADER IN CLUB AND LIFE

Bill Reilly has been a very active member of SMC since 1994. He was chairman or member of the Visitation-Health, Attendance, Program, Golf, and Table Setting committees. He has served in officer positions of increasing responsibilities over the past four years.

EXHALTED RULER OF ELKS

Bill worked in General Motors Chevrolet financial for 33 years, including service at the Tarrytown, NY plant and Central Office in Detroit.

While an applicant, he was elected Exalted Ruler of the Royal Oak Elks which, under his leadership in 1992, was voted the National Elk Lodge of the Year.

Bill and his wife Pauline live in Beverly Hills and have three daughters and four grandsons.

The "Amazing Jug" Sets New Record

"Ye Jolly Ole Gentlemen" of The Community House, a.k.a. the Senior Men's Club, dug deeply into their pockets and hearts this year and contributed a record high of \$5,853 to the Oakland County Children's Village. This compares to \$5,532 raised last year.

Phil Werner, drive coordinator, expresses his deepest thanks and those of Greg Alessi, the Special Projects Coordinator for the "Village".

Werner said "This generous gift will make a truly Merry Christmas at the Village and provide a big lift to educational projects throughout the year."

Two Grand Slams Scored in Bridge

In the four weeks ending Nov. 12, the big news was two grand slams in duplicate bridge (both in-no trumps). They were scored by Jim Haidle and Bob Bazzell and Jim Peters and Dick Held.

Jane Piggott was high scorer in contract bridge with 2553; followed by Joe Kern, with 2398; and Carl Shorn, 2285.

In duplicate bridge, Phil Werner was first (72%) and third (61.5%), with Leonard Terry in second place with 67%.

THE REMINDER

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, MI 48009.

Officers for 1999 are: John R. Caldwell, president; William T. Reilly, first vice president; Carver Wood, second vice president; Ray Latovick, treasurer; Ernie Bergan, secretary; Ben Ewing, corresponding secretary; Officer-at-large: Sherwin Vine.

THE REMINDER includes: Alvie Smith, editor; Dick Davis, Dick Harper and Paul Pentecost, associate editors; Bob Hadley and John Dudash, photos; Lee Trumbull, layout; Joe Kern, mailing.

Changes in Applicant Activities

Following is a statement by Gordon Miller, Chairman of SMC's Applicant Activities.

"As all are aware, applicants are admitted to Club membership from the 'Waiting List.' During the waiting period, they are encouraged to attend weekly meetings, according to the first letter of their last names as appear in the monthly REMINDER. Applicants may also attend any other meeting they find of particular interest.

"The following changes will be effective January 2000. All applicants will be required to attend

three regular Club meetings each year, excluding attendance at Applicant Activity meetings. In the absence of extenuating circumstances, failure to complete this attendance requirement will be reported annually to the Club's Executive Board with a recommendation that such applicant be removed, in order of seniority, to the bottom of the 'Waiting List.'

"Applicants are eligible to participate in Club and Applicant activities, as reported in the REMINDER and Applicant Directory, and are encouraged to do so.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings: Baldwin J. Sinnaeve, 94 on December 4.
Norman F. White, 90 on December 23. Charles J. Windsor, 92 on December 31.

Associate Member Birthdays: Harry L. Rogers, December 2.
Thomas L. Mitchell, December 4. Ronald B. Blanchard, December 10.

Deaths: John Arthur, Life Member, who joined in December, 1977.
W. Murray Kennedy, Life Member, who joined in September, 1968.

New Members:

Clark, George W., (Gloria), 1311 Lake Park, Birmingham, 48009, 540-2206.
Sponsor: Walter Cornelius
Gualdoni, Robert L., (Pat), 3632 Pleasant Ridge, Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 253-0633.
Sponsor: King Ruhly
MacNee, James M., (Mary), 2475 Wing Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 851-0624.
Sponsor: Jim Cameron
Hausman, J. Craig, Jr., (Lois), 4782 Overton Cove, Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 645-1972.
Sponsor: Sid Kelly
Brady, Neal C., (Christine), 22245 Orchard Way, Birmingham, 48025, 645-5715.
Sponsor: Bill Hunter
Stephenson, William T., (Elizabeth), 940 Poppleton, Birmingham, 48009, 646-0197.
Sponsor: Arnie Carlson
Nordlie, James O., (Nancy), 450 Tooting Lane, Birmingham, 48009, 258-9160.
Sponsor: Frank Angelo
Talmers, Frederick N., (Vicky), 836 Waddington Rd., Bloomfield Village, 48301, 647-6980.
Sponsor: John Lavrakas

Address Changes: Roy Edwards, 627 Atwood Ct., Fort Collins, CO 80525.
Jack D. McCullough, 200 Wagher Rd., Northfield, IL 60093, 847-784-0546.
C. Ed Chamberliss, 4088 Cranbrook Ct., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301.
John Scherer, 765 Briar Hill Lane, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, 248-253-1210.
Robert G. Campbell, 32 Vaughn Ridge, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.
Bruce Thomas, 723 Arbor Ct., Bloomfield Hills, MI, 48304, 248-594-6499.
Michael E. Best, (complete street name is) 2815 Berkshire Drive.

New Phone Number: John E. McCabe, 248-932-5384.

Leaves of Absence: Thomas H. Dickson, Warner J. Canto

New Life Member: Thomas E. Bedford, who joined in May, 1988.

Transferred to Associate: Robert W. Steere.

**New Applicants' names will be in January issue.

NOTICE: Dues for 2000 are due, payable to Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. Active members \$30 payable to Walt Meyers. Associate and Members on Leave, both \$10, payable to Joe Kern.
—Joe Kern & Bob Babcock

Club Patriarch Burgott Has Sparkling Humor, Infectious Leadership Style

By Dick Harper

About a year ago, the Senior Men's Club conducted a member survey to determine opinions and attitudes concerning club activities, particularly the elements of Friday meetings. The highest-rated item was the induction of new life members, presided over by Art Burgott, one of the club's best known and respected patriarchs.

He has handled inductions for nearly five years, and in strolling club aisles has established "Florsheim Avenue" and "Hush Puppy Street" in Club lexicon.

Art joined the Club in 1978.

After two years as an applicant, he proceeded to serve on and later chair many club committees, and to move through the officer positions.

President in 1984

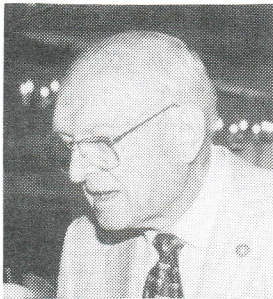
He was elected president in 1984 and received the Club's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award in 1991. At 88, he continues to be very active, serving as a member of the Procedure and Membership committees and Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

His life reads like the proverbial "small town boy makes good." Art was born and raised in Eden, New York. He earned a mechanical engineering degree with honors from the prestigious Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh.

He joined Bendix as a brake engineer, moving to South Bend, where he met and married his wife Helen. Their marriage of almost 60 years produced two children and four grandchildren.

Served Bendix 30 Years

In 1965, Art moved to the Detroit area and called on the auto companies. When he retired after 30 years with



Burgott

Bendix, he accepted a truck brake engineering position with Chrysler. Art indicates he had been a "slide-rule engineer" all his career and had to learn computer engineering from his younger compatriots.

Other interests include his church—First Presbyterian, gardening and bridge. He only took up bridge after marrying Helen, but now is very active, both inside and outside the club.

Burgott's View of SMC

Art Burgott views SMC as his "anchor" and sees his role as a catalyst for change when appropriate. He seeks to identify and encourage members who can contribute. His message for members is that "unless you participate in club activities, you won't know how much fun it can be and won't experience the real joy and satisfaction of membership."

George Lumsden Is New REMINDER Editor

George Lumsden is the new editor of THE REMINDER, effective with the January 2000 issue, succeeding Alvie Smith, editor for the past three years.

George is a veteran communicator, teacher and training specialist. He has diversified experience with Holland, Michigan High School, General Electric, the Jam Handy Organization and with



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Chrysler for 17 years, retiring in 1980.

He also authored eight books covering management, sales and communication skills. He has an M.A. degree in English/Education from the University of Michigan.

George has been a member of SMC since 1992 and served as an associate editor of THE REMINDER 1993-96.

Group Meetings

Camera Group

Last June, Bob Rooney started to take us "Around the World" via some colorful slides. But there was more world on film than we had time for at that time, says Stan Skaistis, chairman.

So Bob will be coming back on Dec. 14 at 2:00 p.m. to complete the journey around the world.

Computer Group

"Hubble Telescope Update" will be the subject for the 2:30 p.m. Dec. 15 meeting of the Computer Group," says Don Cox.

Eric Rasmussen, of the Astronomy Department of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, will be the presenter.

Two years ago, Rasmussen showed us pictures sent back to earth by the Hubble Telescope. He explained how the pictures are taken and processed on earth to continue the discovery of new things in space.

Rasmussen is a computer expert as well as an astronomer.

Investment Study

Don Richardson, of Raymond James (formerly Roney & Co.), will speak to the Investment Study Group on Dec. 8 at 2:45 p.m.

He will discuss "Investment Strategies for the New Millennium." Don will share his best stock picks in the near future, says Chairman George Miller.

Bean and Callam Top Year's Golf Scores

Men's Club golfers were still on the courses in late November, transferring from Springdale to Lincoln Hills in mid-September.

The annual banquet was held Oct. 20. Highlights of the year:

Low Game Scores: Corman Bean, 35 twice.

Lowest Season Averages: Kirby Callam with 40.14 followed closely by Corman Bean at 40.79.

— By Don Clark

Spomer Wins Outstanding Service Award

John Spomer is the winner of the 1999 Outstanding Service Award of the Senior Men's Club. Phil Werner presented the award at the Nov. 19 luncheon.

Werner said: "John certainly deserves this prestigious award. Always ready to give a hand to any Club project, he has been one of the valuable core of workers who have made our Club run so smoothly over two decades."

Highlights of his service include president in 1987, chairman of Policy Committee, 21 years on the Golf Committee, 17 years on KP duty for the annual picnic and membership on the Procedures Manual and Officer Nominating committees, just to name a few. He is still active in four of these committees.

But the job closest to his heart was 11 years as Coordinator for the annual SMC fund drive for the Oakland County Children's Village.

Joe Maertens Tops In Club Bowling

After nine weeks of bowling, the leading team includes Steve Kadar, Ken Brooker, Bob Pearce and Art Byington. They also scored the highest team game at 697.

Individual leaders were:

- High Average: Joe Maertens, 170.
- High Game: Dick Harper, 234.
- High Series: Jim Salrin, 598.
- High Team Series: Bill Beck, Bill Minard, Herb Lugers & JoeMaertens with 1980. — Dennis Kozak

Need E-Mail Addresses

We are trying to assemble a list of E-mail addresses so that members can communicate through this increasingly popular medium. Send your moniker to Chuck Kirkpatrick at: CBKirkpat@cs.com.



Spomer

Detroit Auto Show Trip Planned for January 20

Put away your driving, weather and parking cares and attend the world-renowned Detroit International Auto Show Jan. 20, 2000.

The Special Events committee has chartered a 55-passenger bus to take us to the Auto Show doorstep at Cobo Hall.

The bus will leave from the First Presbyterian Church parking lot, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham at 9:45 a.m., returning about 4 p.m.

Tickets for bus transportation are only \$9 per person. Show admission is \$5 for seniors.

We expect a sell out! Ticket sales begin Dec. 3. — Roger Struck

Full House Expected For Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas party is one of the big social events of the year. A sell-out of 256 members and their wives is expected for the event on Dec. 15, says co-chairmen John Ellis, Gordon Miller and Bob Lyle.

The magic of Christmas will be captured with a background of holiday music, twinkling lights and the Birmingham Choral. Festivities begin with a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

Don Clark and John Wenstrand are handling seating arrangements.

Things We Learn As We Get Older

At 16, I learned mothers always know best, fathers sometimes.

At 30, I learned that strength is a man's charm and charm is a woman's strength.

At 35, I learned that the future is what you create.

At 40, I learned that the secret of happy living is not to do what you like, but to like what you're doing.

At 55, I learned that little decisions should be made with my head, big decisions with my heart.

At 70, I learned that life is not a matter of holding good cards but playing a poor hand well.

At 75, I learned that as long as you think you are green, you will continue to grow, and when you think you are ripe, you're rotten.

At 80, I learned that to love and be loved is the greatest joy in the world.

Other Club Dates To Remember

Exec. Board. 9:30 a.m. Dec. 14.

Bowling: 9:30 a.m. Mondays at Thunderbird Lanes, Troy.

Reminder Deadline: Dec. 10.

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

All events at the Community House unless otherwise stated.

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