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KEEPING UP WITH THE SENIOR MEN

DIRECTORY TIME! Walter Meyers has everything set up to make sure the 1991 Senior Men's Club directory is bigger and better than ever. Names of members' wives will add 8 pages this year. New zips and addresses that will make it easier for you to get in touch with another member will be included.

KEEP IT SHORT! President Charles Williams made a special plea to those making reports recently: Remember that brevity is the spice of life! Simultaneously, he announced that "no lunch tickets will be sold after 10:35 a.m." on the day of our meetings. And speaking of things to keep in mind: The year is fast coming to a close. Have you got your 10 meetings in?

START WITH A BANG! When the club launched its new schedule for applicants attending meetings on Sept. 6, total attendance was 284, approaching the all-time high of 300. And did you know that almost 20% of the club membership plays bridge?

TIME FOR THE ARTS! Instead of meeting on Oct. 18, Senior Men's Club members will have a chance to attend The Community House's "Our Town Art Exhibit." It's a great show ... and helps the fund-raising that keeps things going. The Exhibit will also cause cancellation of a Computer Group meeting for October. The Group will resume activity on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 2:30 p.m.



Mama Mia! What Visions!



Our Camera Group has an opportunity to see Italy ... the "Big Boot" ... with Harold Brown, applicant and almost member. Harold will present his colorful slides and narration (in English) on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2 p.m., at The Community House.

What visions these words alone can conjure up:

- . Turin, Milan, Venice, Bologne, Pisa, Assisi, Naples, Rome

Come out and join us as we travel from The Community House in Birmingham to Milan across and down Italy to the Isle of Capri and Rome before returning home. You'll enjoy every minute of it.

Everyone -- members, applicants, wives and friends -- are welcome. Don't miss this one.

**ROBERT HERMANN
CHAIRMAN**

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR BRIDGE GROUP

Play will be at BASCC at the southwest corner of Evergreen and 13 Mile Road on Tuesday, Oct. 15 and Friday, Oct. 18. Play will

start at 9:45 p.m. and lunch is included at \$1.50. Luncheon reservations must be made one week ahead of each playing date.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 8 Senior Men's Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- Oct. 8 Camera Group Meeting 2 p.m.
- Oct. 9 Investment Study Group Meeting 2:45 p.m.
- Oct. 9 Golfers' banquet. Open bar 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m.
- Oct. 16 Special Event: Tour to Lansing. For details see Page 5.
- Oct. 18 **NO SENIOR MEN'S CLUB MEETING** because of Community House "Our Town Art Exhibit."
- Nov. 13 Special Event: Angelo Tour of Detroit III; Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parking lot 9 a.m.

BRIDGE Tuesday at 9 a.m. and Fridays after lunch, except Oct. 15 and Oct. 18 when play will be at BASCC. 9:45 a.m.

BOWLING Every Monday at Thunderbird Lanes. 9 a.m.

GOLF Every Thursday until Oct. 24. \$4.50 9 a.m. at Springdale

All events at The Community House unless otherwise indicated

THE REMINDER DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCT. 18

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KEEPING UP WITH*NEW MEMBERS

*So you may know them better,
The Reminder presents:*

CHARLES A. SOMMERS

BACKGROUND: Was graduated from Wooster College (Ohio) and was a musician for seven years, including the U. S. Army Special Services Band. Worked in banking and sales at Marshall Field for 11 years before deciding to go into the ministry. Graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary and served as Associate Pastor The First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, PA. Moved to Birmingham in 1969 to serve 20 years as Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian. Since retirement served a two-year internship at the Columbiere Center, Clarkston, qualifying him as a Spiritual Director in the counseling of persons needing help.

FAMILY: Married Priscilla Hughes, also a student at Wooster, and they have three children: Chip, Priscilla, and Charlotte who also is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church.

HOBBIES: Music, flower gardening, movies, walking, and reading. Plays bridge, but also tutors elementary children in reading; serves as a member of the Strategic Planning Team for Birmingham Public Schools and on the board of the Presbyterian Village and BASCC.

SPONSOR: Vern Bryant and Arthur Burgott



It was Bob Hadley's turn to have his picture taken as he received the club's highest award on Sept. 20.

Man of Many Hats, 31 in Fact, Is Given Distinguished Award

Bob Hadley, who has served the Senior Men's Club in a large variety of jobs, but is best known as the group's "official photographer," was presented the Distinguished Service Award Sept. 20, the tenth member so honored.

President Charles W. Williams' citation says it all:

One of our number was inducted into membership just over 10 years ago. I'm sure no one then could have predicted that in the next decade he would have served the club in 9 different activities for a total of 31 yearly assignments...of the 31 jobs, 16 times he's been second in command, 7 times the head man. Currently he's wearing 5 hats. He's on the History Committee,

a group chairman for health, vice-chairman for games and the sergeant-at-arms and chairman of visual and photography.

How does this guy manage to do all these things for us in addition to his many other good works? When we look behind the statistics we find a friendly, quiet, direct, no-nonsense person of great brevity.

We have a name and an award for this. It's outstanding service, and in the case of Robert A. Hadley, outstanding is an understatement. It is a privilege and honor on behalf of you the membership, the Policy Committee, the officers and myself to present this plaque, the club's highest honor, to a great and giving gentleman, Bob Hadley.

INVESTMENT GROUP

'New Look' for Meeting Is Tried As Step Towards Bringing in All Applicants to Membership Soon

The September meeting was right on target ... Phil Dunham gave us the latest thinking of the Merrill Lynch Research Group as to where (and why) we should be invested in the '90's.

Entry blanks for the highly popular Stock Game were passed out. For those who missed the meeting, they are available by contacting the Chairman. The deadline for submitting your hypothetical \$100,000 portfolio is Wednesday, Oct. 9, which is the date of our next meeting.

Our search continues for an in-depth analysis of the wants and needs of our members. Our main concern is to present the most-wanted subjects, then to find knowledgeable, commanding speakers to talk about them. Gordon Henderson has assisted in this search by developing an in-depth questionnaire, which was also passed out and it also available. Please contact Gordon for a copy.

Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month from 2:45 to 4 p.m. at The Community House. All club members, applicants, wives and friends are invited.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, Oct. 9 and the timely topic will be "Alternate Investments In Retirement." Dick Harper, one of our Applicants, will introduce our guest speaker, Dan Murphy, who is extremely well qualified in the investment field.

RICH KUNDSEN

That "new look" arrangement for the Senior Men's Club meeting Sept. 27 was a one-time trial that could well become permanent.

Officers, speakers and the podium appeared on stage behind tables, and the usual front tables were replaced by rows of theater-style seating.

A similar setup may be employed on Friday, Oct. 25, when plans are to invite all applicants to the meeting. This will require a separate dining room for applicants who will continue to sit theater style in the ballroom for business meeting and speech, then move elsewhere for lunch.

The change to a second lunch room may create lunch ticket, kitchen and serving problems, but a committee has been working on handling the details for the undertaking and will keep everyone informed.

If the Oct. 25 meeting is a success and old-timers and applicants, hostesses and Community House people are happy with it, a next step could be to make the applicants members.

Suddenly the club could have perhaps 650 members instead of 450 and meeting attendance could go from 220 to 320. Luncheons served might go from 165 to 240.

While dining space shouldn't be a problem, seating space in sight of the stage may be. One bit of space the club hasn't utilized yet is the stage. The Sept. 27 arrangement was a trial of greater utilization of that part of the hall.

Your cooperation will be much appreciated ... as will your comments which we know you are not bashful about passing on.

**CHARLES W. WILLIAMS
HENRY E. DAWKINS**

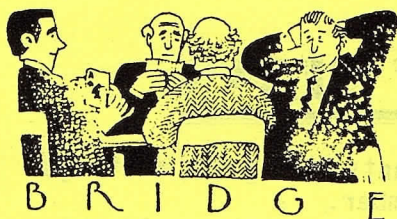
Contributions by Senior Men Grow as 1991 Drive Nears End

Four hundred sixty one members and applicants have contributed to support the operating fund of The Community House, and Special Projects Chairman Gene Hess is hopeful that the total will increase before the 1991 campaign winds down Dec. 31.

Senior Men's Club contributions are an important factor in the overall budget that helps to make The Community House a vital institution in this area.

The Senior Men's figures as of Sept. 19, 1991:

	No. of Gifts	Pct. of Members	Avg. Gift	Total
Members	319	69%	\$ 83	\$26,392
Applicants	142	42%	\$ 50	7,032
				<u>\$33,424</u>



Jules Falke, Lloyd Sturgeon and Dick Powers were the leaders in the bridge competition during the month of September which also saw the return of a long-ailing competitor.

The number of rubber bridge players averaged 23 per week, with high scorers being:

Jules Falke	4200
Baylor Sutton	3710
Lloyd Sturgeon	3640
Bob Lotz	3620
Herb Lugers	3530
Ray Fletcher	3510
Lloyd Sturgeon	3000
High averages were:	
Lloyd Sturgeon	3017
Jules Falke	2687
Carl Schorn	2617
Bert Henderson	2417
Ray Fletcher	2190
Don McNair	2190
Baylor Sutton	2150

There were only two slams scored, six no trump by Sturgeon and Herb Lugers and McNair and Bill Hanlon.

Duplicate players averaged 51 per week during Sept.

High percentage scorers were:

Dick Powers	71.8%
Jim Johnson	69.4%
Art Burgott	66%

There were too many slams made to list them, but there was one noteworthy grand slam doubled and redoubled made by Ed Chambers and Ed Clarke.

Bridge players also were delighted to welcome back Jerry Bartlam who had been off several months recuperating.

PHIL WERNER FOR
DON WAGNER

BOWLING

Deems Shows the Way With a 578 Opener

It was a bang-up start for the bowlers at the Thunderbird Lanes on Sept. 23, with 53 on hand to get the new season rolling.

Total participants fell three short of the ideal 56 needed for the planned 14, four-man teams, but we expect to more than meet that goal in the days ahead.

First-day bowling saw some mid-season scoring, with Harry Deem leading the way with games of 215 and 206 for a fine 578 series. Bert Henderson, smooth as ever, had a 212 game and 551 series. Jack Trudell rolled a 209, and Bob Klein had a 200 which also won him the "jackpot."

Other bowlers with 500 series or better were: Ned Gowing, 523; Fran DeGrande, 510; Virgil Smith, 509; and Art Byington, 508.

Carl Nepach won the mystery game with a 139.

Team No. 12 took high scoring honors with a game of 642 and a high series of 1837, but Teams No. 2 and No. 3 tied for first place, each sweeping four points from their opponents.

Come out and join the fun. It's never too late to start, and everyone who shows up on Monday morning at 9 a.m. WILL BOWL!

TOM BEDFORD
VICE CHAIRMAN



Oct. 9 Is Banquet Time! Season Winners on Tap

It's banquet time for the golfers and that means prizes and other awards to help put the 1991 season to bed, although play continues at Springdale until Oct. 24, weather permitting.

Banquet festivities on Wednesday, Oct. 9, start with a cash bar at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. at The Community House, of course. Dinner will be prime rib, special cut, and cost is \$16. For tickets see Lowman, Clark, Steele, Spomer and Swartz.

The regular season ended on Sept. 12, and winners will be announced at the banquet.

Weather was perfect for the Sept. 5 and 12 dates, with 76 and 66 golfers, respectively, trying to break par. For the two

days, 73 golfers broke 50, but there were only five birdies.

Bob Holm at 22 feet 10 inches and Bob Shegal at 8 feet 5 inches were closest to the pin on No. 6.

In spite of some confusion on the Stonycroft date, the outing was a big success. All 60 members of BSMC were there and ready to go! We enjoyed plenty of coffee and rolls before our 9 a.m. start, had good weather (a few drops around noon), and excellent play.

We cannot thank Bill Aitken, Al Becker, President Don Upward, Pro Jake Pilat and all the rest of the members of Stonycroft enough for a great outing!

A. RAY SWARTZ
CHAIRMAN

Tours of Capitol And of Detroit Are on Schedule

Ben Root, chairman of the Special Events Committee, is keeping those buses rolling these days.

With Frank Angelo's "The Real Detroit" Tour II now history ... and a success ... Root is turning his immediate attention to filling a bus for a trip to Lansing where he has arranged for Senior Men's Club participants to meet with legislators, tour the Capitol, lunch at Tiffany's, and tour the Library of Michigan and the Museum of Michigan.

All in all a great day, and the cost is only \$20, including lunch. Reservations are still available for members, applicants and guests. The tour will leave from the parking lot at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, between Beverly Road and 14 Mile on Pierce Street, at 8:45 a.m. The trip is sold out.

Simultaneously, Root is chalking up standbys for Angelo Detroit Tour III scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 13. It will depart from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parking lot at 9 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Twice a month attendance by applicants at regular meetings will continue until the end of November.

In order to accommodate greater attendance, the applicants will be seated theater style for the meeting and will eat lunch at tables in the Ruth Shain or one of the other rooms.

The new schedule is as follows:

A - L		M - Z	
Oct. 4		Oct. 11	
Oct. 25		Oct. 25	
Nov. 1		Nov. 8	
Nov. 15		Nov. 22	

The Club does not meet on October 18.

Applicants are not invited for December meetings.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

LeRoy Snell will be 95 years old Oct. 1
Gordon Robertson will be 90 years old on Oct. 1
Eldred Fish will be 92 years old on Oct. 8
Bill Garrison will be 91 years old on Oct. 16
John Dietrich will be 91 on Oct. 16

ASSOCIATE MEMBER BIRTHDAY

Bob Benson - Oct. 22

NEW MEMBERS

DARLING, MILTON (AL)	9/91	644-4638
3794 Quarton	BH	48302
HENNING, ROLAND C.	9/91	626-2973
26745 Crestwood	F	48025
SOMMERS, CHARLES A.	9/91	642-2694
555 Townsend	B	48009

SPONSOR

John Lloyd
Richard Knudsen
Art Burgott

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Robert Cole

DEATHS

Robert Surridge, who joined in Jan. 1984
Elmer Haack, who joined in Feb. 1972

Like to Dance? Then BASCC Is the Place for You These Days

For those who like to "trip the light fantastic," BASCC is providing all the ingredients ... from lessons to actual matinee dances.

If you want to learn to dance or improve your skills, join classes that are held every first, second and third Thursday between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. at the

BASCC Center on the corner of Evergreen and 13 Mile Road. George Miklia is the teacher. Cost is \$1 a lesson.

With your newfound artistry, you will then be in shape to enjoy some social dancing on a monthly basis, the dates being Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13, April 9 and

May 7.

Walt Meyers, Senior Men's and BASCC member and dance host, plays wonderful tapes of your favorite band leaders of the 30's and 40's for the dances, to which single men and women are encouraged to come. Cost is \$2 and the dancing lasts from 2 to 4 p.m.