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A flower unblown; a book unread;
A tree with fruit unharvested;
A path untrod; a house whose rooms
Lack yet the heart's divine perfumes;
A landscape whose wide border lies
In silent shade 'neath silent skies;
A wondrous fountain yet unsealed;
A basket with its gifts concealed -
This is the Year that for you waits
Beyond to-morrow's mystic gates.

The New Year
Horatio Nelson Powers, 1826-1890

What we've got to do, is to
Keep up our spirits, and be
neighborly, we shall come out
all right in the end, never
fear.

Charles Dickens

A smile is the shortest distance
between people.

Old age is a privilege; so few
attain it.

BUILDERS

Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings;
And common folks like you and me
Are builders for Eternity?

To each is given a bag of tools
A shapeless mass and a book of rules,
And each must make, ere life be flown,
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

Contributed by - Dave Stamy

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The following list will be useful to all members of the Senior Men's Club
until your 1976 DIRECTORY is available:

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Community House Drive

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Roland R. Nette --- Chairman for
Telephone Calling
Committee

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One hundred and ten members are involved with our various Committees. This represents about one-third of our total membership of three hundred and twenty-five. The Chairman of of any of these Committees would be happy to have you volunteer to serve as a member if you are not already doing so. We are particularly anxious for our new members to become active. Please feel free to contact the Chairman or myself if you have any questions concerning the work of the Committee of your choice.

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Wednesday, January 14th, will mark the resumption of our Library Film Program at twelve noon. This will continue each Wednesday thereafter until March 10th. Bring a sandwich (coffee is available) and your wife or girl friend, and enjoy a one hour presentation of interesting movies and slides covering a wide range of subjects. This takes place on the second floor of the Baldwin Public Library, thanks to Phil Satterthwaite, Owen Goodrich, Murray Stewart, Chet Stokes, Lee Worthley and Earl Triplett. A large number of our Club have been attending. Won't you join us?

James K. Flack, President

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DISCUSSION GROUP FOR JANUARY 1976 - Bill Wilson, Chairman

- Jan. 9 - "The Right to Die" - Colin Grant-Waters, Leader
- Jan. 16 - "Public and Private Speaking" - Coyle Fisher, Leader
- Jan. 23 - "World Food Situation" - John Slater, Leader
- Jan. 30 - "Alcoholism, National Problem" - Henry Smith, Leader

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PROGRAMS FOR JANUARY 1976 - Earl D. Triplett

- Jan. 9 - "National Football League Funnies"- National Bank of Detroit Film.
Jan. 16 - "London Commodity Options"- Mr. Richard Hayden, International
Trading Group.
Jan. 23 - "Switzerland Holiday"- Joseph Bachman, Birmingham S.M.C.
Jan. 30 - "Wayne State University Looks to the Future"- Dr. George Gullen,
Pres. Wayne State Univ. - W. Stockwell, Chairman for the day.

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OUR ANNIVERSARY - 1959 - Prescott "Mose" Henshaw

Our Second Anniversary was celebrated in the Ranch Room of The Community House on January 9, 1959.

Our Outgoing President, acting as Master of Ceremonies, paid tribute to our Sponsors, Mrs. Ewald Schaffer and Mr. Robert E. Girardin, Director of the City's Recreation Department, for their part in aiding in the Club's growth. At this time, we had 96 members.

The Volunteer Ladies, who so nicely serve our lunches throughout the year, were our Honored Guests. To show our appreciation, the men donned aprons and waited upon the Ladies.

Remembered by Your Historian

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PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Ross A. Wagner

It has been a pleasure and a privilege for me to have served as your President for the past year. The cooperation which I have received from the officers, committee chairmen and others who have served on committees and special projects has been tremendous. For this cooperation, I express my sincere thanks and appreciation. The membership of this Club is endowed with a great variety of talents, but it is a spirit of friendship that permeates the organization which becomes contagious and inspires each one to do his part to make retirement a rewarding experience.

To the new officers, I extend my best wishes, and I am sure that you will find it a rewarding experience to serve this Club. In Jim Flack, you have an outstanding leader, and one who can inspire others to give their best. With his leadership and the supporting team that has been chosen to work with him, the year 1976 is bound to be an outstanding one for the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham.

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SENIOR MEN TAKE SANTA CALLS

Appreciation is expressed for the members of our Club who again this year handled the Santa Claus calls from the children of the Detroit Metropolitan area. This has, for a number of years, been a project of our Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, and again, it was a rewarding experience for the men who participated. The men who handled the calls December 15-19 were: Coyle Fisher, Clark Hallock, Fred Meyer, Al Knowles, Frank Morton, Paul Fisher, Russ Smith, Harry Stevens, Art Newman, Bill Stockwell, Robert Montgomery, Vern Bryant, Sidney Deppe, Charles Buck, Jim Flack, Norm Sanborn, Lee Hanson, John Percox, Paul Keener and Ross Wagner. A special thanks goes to Coyle Fisher, who served as chairman and organized the teams for receiving the calls.

CHRISTMAS PARTY A SUCCESS

The annual Christmas Party, held on Friday evening, December 12th, was enjoyed by the largest number ever to attend such an occasion. A total of 243 persons were in attendance. The program following the dinner was provided by the Cross of Christ Lutheran Singers from Bloomfield Hills. Thanks and appreciation are extended to the Committee that planned and arranged for the party. This Committee was composed of: Clarence Kraft, Harold Simms, Jim Flack, Roy Thurman, Walter Meyers and John Pound. Thanks and appreciation are extended to Mrs. Alice Slawson, who did the table decorations. We are not only indebted to Mrs. Slawson for the decorations for this occasion, but also for the table decorations for our Ladies' Day Luncheons held in May and October of the past year.

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MEMBERS LOST DURING DECEMBER

During the month of December, the following members were lost from our Active Roster:

Charles Strelinger - Death
648 East Lincoln Rd.
Birmingham, Michigan
Joined the Club 9/66

James A. Kelley - Death
2248 W. Lincoln
Birmingham, Michigan
Joined the Club 2/66

Richard Dewey - Resigned
219 N. Woodward
Birmingham, Mich.
Joined the Club 9/69
Moved to:
34439 Bayview
Westland, Michigan

Lewis W. Whitaker - Resigned
4054 Walnut Hill
Troy, Michigan
Joined the Club 7/18/75

Vinton A. Bacon - Death
850 Trailwood Path
Birmingham, Michigan
Joined the Club 9/5/75

NEW MEMBERS DURING DECEMBER

During the month of December, the following new members were added to our Active Roster:

Jack C. Owen
31062 W. Rutland
Birmingham, Mich. 48009
Phone 647-5246

A. Glen Kyker
2206 W. Lincoln
Birmingham, Mich. 48009
Phone 644-3256

Irwin W. Martin
15686 Amherst Rd.
Birmingham, Mich. 48009
Phone 646-4514

Albert Riebling
374 Lakeside
Birmingham, Mich. 48009
Phone 644-7855

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CAMERA CLUB

The January meeting of the Camera Club will be held at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 13th, at the home of Owen Goodrich. The address is 6971 Limerick Lane in Troy.

We are anxious for all members and prospective members to attend to assist in making plans for the Club activities for 1976. The Program Committee has some plans they want to discuss with the members and get their suggestions. You will be given a questionnaire to fill out which will make it easier to record your ideas. We want this Club to be helpful to all who are interested in photography, regardless of experience and ability.

Philip C. Satterthwaite, Chairman

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LET'S MAKE A DEAL

I have Kelly snow tire with wheel. Tire is almost new. Size E 70-14. Let's trade (what have you?) or make me an offer. - Clem Rebb

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WINTER LUNCHEON - SUN COAST CHAPTER - Bob Watson

Plans are set for the fifth annual winter luncheon of the Suncoast Chapter of the Birmingham Senior Men's Club, March 12, 1976. Dick Russel and Bob VanDuzer are handling the luncheon and golf for the day.

TIME: Luncheon at 12 Noon with a social hour - cocktails if you wish - beginning at 11:00 A.M.

PLACE: Davey's Locker, a fine dining room just south of Sarasota on the Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41), one block south of Stickney Point Rd. (State Rd. #72), across from Gulf Gate Shopping Center. Stickney Point Rd. is the south main access road to Siesta Key.

GOLF: 2:00 P.M. same day, at Capri Isles Golf Club, Venice. It is about 19 miles south of Davey's Locker.

We must know how many to set up luncheon for. Will appreciate having the Florida address of those who plan to attend. You may give it to Bob Watson or correspond with Burke Bartlett, 710 Golden Beach Blvd., Venice, Florida 33595, who is coordinating all arrangements.

Burke will make reservations at the Venice Holiday Inn for those who plan to spend the night. Please indicate whether you will be playing golf. The Pro is giving us special rates for greens fees and carts.

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CARIBBEAN CRUISE - Harry Rendell, Chairman Special Events

Our special event for March - Caribbean Cruise starting Saturday, March 27, 1976. We leave Detroit from Metropolitan Airport, via Delta Airline, for Miami, arriving about 12 noon. Trip is for seven days, visiting seven ports Port-au-Prince Haiti, Por Antonio, Montego Bay and Nassau.

We have lunch as the guests of the Caribbean Steamship Line and free time until 3:00 P.M., when we board a bus for the M/S Starward, our ship for the cruise, and sail about 4:00 P.M. We live on the boat - a cabin with twin beds and bath (double occupancy). Three meals a day with a midnight buffet. Dancing and international every night. Boat has two swimming pools for about \$65.00 each, including air transportation from Detroit by Delta.

You can take one or two couples with you (at the above rate). People in Florida at the time of the trip will save the cost of the air fare by joining the group at Miami. (The cost of the cruise would be \$665.00 per person if you boarded the ship at Miami.) Single person can double up to save on the single fare.

I have brochures explaining in detail the entire trip, with color photos of many of the activities of the trip.

Reservations must be made by January 9, 1976, with twenty-five percent of \$665.00 and the final balance in 30 days. Make checks out to the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan. Must have fifteen couples in the group.

P.S. I am sure that everyone who goes on this trip with our Birmingham group will enjoy the fellowship as much as the 50 people who went on the Mackinac Island and Toronto trips.

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FISHER THEATER - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21st - Vic Ulrich

Play - "Big Bad Mouse" - direct from London, and is supposed to be the funniest ever.

We leave the Community House by bus at 1:00 P.M. Matinee at 2:00. We have regular \$6.50 seats, but they cost us only \$3.25. Bus will be \$2.00 each. Total cost - \$5.25 each.

Bring your wife, girl friend or boy friend. Reservations must be in by January 16th.

In March, we have reservations for Meadow Brook Theater. More information later.

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THE CLIPBOARD RESTAURANT

Southeast Oakland Vocational Education Center
(S.E.O.V.E.C.) 5055 Delemere, Royal Oak, Mich. 48073
(North off of 14 Mile Road - between Coolidge and Crooks Rds.)
Telephone - 549-5660 - Ext. 41

Tuesday - Thursday 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Friday - Buffet 11:15 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Mr. Pearlman is in charge.

January 5-30, 1976*

Mon., Jan. 5	---- Closed	Mon., Jan. 19	-- Closed
Tues., Jan. 6	---- Closed	Tues., Jan. 20	-- Closed
Wed., Jan. 7	---- Closed	Wed., Jan. 21	-- Closed
Thurs., Jan. 8	---- Closed	Thurs., Jan. 22	-- Closed - In-Service
Fri., Jan. 9	---- Closed	Fri., Jan. 23	-- Closed - In-Service

Mon., Jan. 12	---- Closed	Mon., Jan. 26	-- Closed
Tues., Jan. 13	---- Sizzler Steak	Tues., Jan. 27	-- London Broil w/ Mushroom Sauce
Wed., Jan. 14	---- Boston Scrod	Wed., Jan. 28	-- Veal Parmigiani
Thurs., Jan. 15	---- Chicken Tetrizzini	Thurs., Jan. 29	-- Fisherman's Platter
Fri., Jan. 16	---- Buffet	Fri., Jan. 30	-- Buffet

*Menu subject to change without notice.

They do not arrange for special groups, menus, etc. as they did last year.

ART LANE ANTIQUE WOODWORKING

See Art Lane's exhibit of Antique Woodworking Tools at Troy Historical Museum until Jan. 15th. Museum is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays - 2 to 4 P.M.

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DECEMBER CARD REPORT - Carl F. Schorn

There were 276 Bridge players in December for an average of 93 players per session.

The top 10 scores in December were:

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|---------------------|------|-------------------------|------|
| 1. Joe Landre ----- | 5420 | 6. Bob Benson ----- | 4400 |
| 2. Claude Morrow -- | 5350 | 7. Bill Hanlon ----- | 4350 |
| 3. Bob Benson ----- | 5030 | 8. Ken Taylor ----- | 4220 |
| 4. Grant Barber --- | 4700 | 9. Les Wilder ----- | 4210 |
| 5. Lee Durham ----- | 4440 | 10. Dustin Thomas ----- | 4150 |

The 5 averages for 3 games played in December were:

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|---------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| 1. Bob Benson ----- | 3767 | 4. Les Wilder ----- | 3107 |
| 2. Waino Ansama --- | 3480 | 5. Bill Hanlon ----- | 3070 |
| 3. Ken Taylor ----- | 3477 | | |

The Dec. 19th Bridge Party results follow:

- 1st Prize - Turkey - Bill Hanlon - 4350
2nd Prize - \$5.00 -- Les Wilder -- 4210
Consolation Prize - Turkey - Fred Wittick - 300
Door Prize - Turkey - Charlie P. Richards

1975 CARD SUMMARY - Carl F. Schorn

The top 10 Bridge scores for 1975 were:

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|---------------------|------|------|-------------------------|------|------|
| 1. Waino Ansama --- | 6450 | Oct. | 6. John Aliber ----- | 5670 | Mar. |
| 2. Howard Hoffman - | 6390 | May | 7. Charlie Strelinger - | 5610 | Mar. |
| 3. Don Hunter ----- | 6290 | May | 8. Elmer Haack ----- | 5560 | June |
| 4. Francis Morton - | 5980 | Jan. | 9. Charlie Mentzer ---- | 5480 | June |
| 5. Joe Schulteis -- | 5820 | Jan. | 10. Joe Landre ----- | 5420 | Dec. |

The top 10 monthly Bridge averages were:

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|---------------------|------|------|-----------------------|------|-------|
| 1. Bob Benson ----- | 3767 | Dec. | 6. Norm Sanborn ----- | 3373 | Sept. |
| 2. Leon Vollmer --- | 3550 | July | 7. Waino Ansama ----- | 3358 | June |
| 3. Waino Ansama --- | 3480 | Dec. | 8. Bert Brandt ----- | 3353 | Oct. |
| 4. Ken Taylor ----- | 3477 | Dec. | 9. Pete Shryock ----- | 3345 | Oct. |
| 5. Waino Ansama --- | 3463 | Oct. | 10. Carl Schorn ----- | 3330 | Feb. |

Occurrence on the monthly top 10 Bridge score list follows:

- 75 Players once or more
- 24 Players twice
- 6 Players three times
- 2 Players four times

Occurrence on the monthly top 5 Bridge average list follows:

- 40 Players once or more
- 5 Players twice
- 3 Players three times
- 1 Player five times

The 5 low Bridge scores during 1975 were:

- 1. John Doe - 100
- 2. John Doe - 250
- 3. John Doe - 280
- 4. John Doe - 300
- 5. John Doe - 300

For those interested in more trivia:

There were 44 Bridge sessions held during 1975, with an average attendance of 84 players per session. There were 66,528 individual hands, or 16,632 rounds of Bridge played.

The average of the 1975 top 10 monthly scores was 5863. This was 5.35% better than the 1974 results.

The average of the 1975 top 5 monthly averages was 3450. This was a 2.33% improvement over the 1974 results.

Signed - Your Retiring Bridge Vice-Chairman

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Yesterday is but a dream and Tomorrow is only a vision, but today well lived makes every Yesterday a Dream of Happiness, and every Tomorrow a Vision of Hope.

Washington Cathedral

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