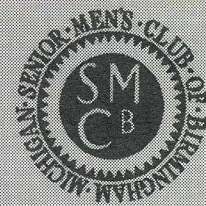


The Reminder

June 2002

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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Thanks



Is this a great Club or what? Due to many circumstances, the time to arrange Ray Swartz's going away presentation was getting short. One phone call to Phil Bloyer and Ray's goodbye card, which many members signed, was created and delivered within one day.

President Bergan, when requested, agreed to be one of the speakers, and on May 3, 2002, the day of Ray's

farewell, his wife, Doris brought and hung the goodbye banner. Past presidents John Spomer and Don Clark agreed to be on the program and Bob Hadley did his usual outstanding job taking pictures of the event. The members of this club are always ready to help and, to the men mentioned in this article, the club extends its heartfelt thanks.



—Bill Reilly

JUNE PROGRAMS

JUNE CHAIRMAN: Bill Corba

- 7 Kenneth W. Corba CEO & Chief Investment Officer, PIMCO Equity Advisors
"The Recent Bear Market; What Have We Learned"
- 14 Dr. William Ritter Senior Minister, First United Methodist Church, Birmingham
"Not Everything is About You"
- 21 Carmen Harlan Senior Anchor, WDIV - Local 4
"My Life in Television and The Hidden Element"
- 28 James V. Clarke Executive Vice President & COO, Robertson Brothers Co.
"Building to the Market"

JUNE DISCUSSIONS

JUNE CHAIRMAN: Al Beswick

- 7 Al Beswick Senior Men's Club Member
"Quality Standards - Where Are We Going?"
- 14 William Cole Smith Smith Barney Financial Consultant
"Common Investment Errors and How To Avoid Them"
- 21 Edward C. Hill General Dynamics
"Army in Transition and Homeland Defense"
- 28 To Be Announced

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings:

Bernie Ziessow, life member will be 87 on June 9
John Delos will be 89 on June 11
Foster Williams, life member will be 97 on June 11
Dr. Henry Dawkins, life member will be 98 on June 13
Cap Hall, life member will be 87 on June 15
Nate Mills, life member will be 89 on June 18
John Villa will be 85 on June 24
Melvin Pillon, life member will be 93 on June 24
George R. Smith will be 88 on June 26
Fletcher Street, life member will be 94 on June 26

Life Member:

Harry W. Cyphers and Bennett W. Root

New Applicants:

Ray F. Fleming, (Susan), 4377 West Maple Rd., Bloomfield Hills, 48301 Sponsor: Reid McCulloch	(248)642-3909
Jack E. Maxwell, (Martha), 3541 Bradway Blvd., Bloomfield Village, 48301 Sponsor: Richard Anderson	(248)646-5227
Douglas D. Reaume, (Shirle Ann), 284 Woodberry Dr., Bloomfield Hills, 48304 Sponsor: Benedict Smith	(248)540-4862

New Members:

Ara E. Basherian, (Roz), 612 North Williamsbury, Bloomfield Hills, 48301-2518 Sponsor: Bennett W. Root	(248)642-1846
Clifford O. Bath, (Isabel), 764 Satterlee Rd., Bloomfield Hills, 48304-3148 Sponsor: Richard B. Sneed	(248)642-4698
Robert C. Bazzell, (Carole), 533 Westwood Dr., Birmingham, 48009-1120 Sponsor: Roger Struck	(248)642-8702
Arthur T. Lewry, (Lolly), 2491 Hunt Club Dr., Bloomfield Hills, 48304-2305 Sponsor: Charles R. Gates	(248)646-0944
Roger Spry, (Lori), 1435 Cranbrook Rd., Bloomfield Hills, 48301-2312 Sponsor: Carver Wood	(248)647-0873
Melvin R. Zoschnick, (Barbara), 776 Ridgedale Ave., Birmingham, 48009-5786 Sponsor: Charles R. Gates	(248)647-0873

Birthdays of Members on Leave of Absence:

June 1, Rick Bayekin
June 5, Bob Obringer
June 8, Ted Orlicki
June 17, Vic Caputo
June 18, Elbert Van Kempen
June 19, Dick Ruppel
June 22, James Florek

Associate Member:

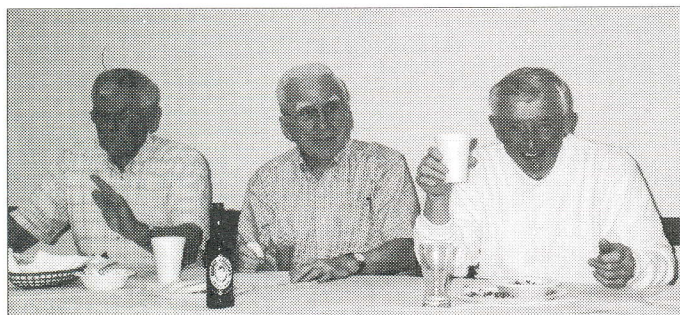
Charles B. Coley and J. Carver Wood, Jr.

Deaths:

Carl R. Freeman, joined April 1986
Virgil Smith, life member joined February 1986

—Bill Peschel and Jim D'Allemand

Bowling Champs for 2001 — 2002



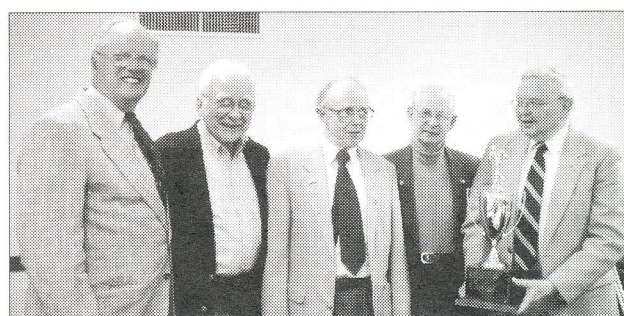
*Bowling Committee (L to R)
Joe Maertens, Ray Latovick and Dennis Kozak*



*(L to R) Phil Martz - High Average (170)
Joe Maertens - High Game (246) and High Series (624)*

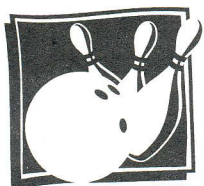


*Championship Team (L to R)
Ray Latovick, Phil Martz, Tim Tabor and Ray Minard*



*Championship Team receiving their trophy (L to R)
Phil Martz, Ray Latovick, Tom Tabor, Bill Minard
and President Ernie Bergan presenting the trophy*

Bowling



The bowling banquet held at the Thunderbird Lanes was a huge success with 47 bowlers in attendance. Everyone of the "keglers" who bowled this past season participated in sharing over \$3,000 in prize money that was awarded.

All members and applicants are invited to join in bowling with us next season, beginning the first Monday in September after Labor Day. A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin boards or call Dennis Kozak at (248) 644-8934, if you are interested.

Also, Frank Garland has arranged to have bowling practice sessions on Monday mornings at 10:15 AM at the Thunderbird Lanes. If you are interested (both new and present bowlers), give Frank a call at (248) 644-7686 or just show up.

—D.J. Kozak

After You've Tried the Other Food Fad Diets

Q: I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

A: Your heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it...don't waste them on exercise. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up your heart will not make you live longer; that's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving faster. Want to live longer? Take a nap.

Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does a cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass (a green leafy vegetable). And a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of vegetable slop.

SMC Leadership

One of the dynamics of any successful and progressive organization is leadership change. It is vital that future leaders be encouraged and developed to ensure not only the continuity but, more importantly, the growth of an organization.



This truism certainly applies to the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. Our constitution and procedure manual detail how our leadership is developed and sustained. Club officers serve one year in each position, and annually can be elected to a more responsible level. Outgoing presidents become members of the policy committee where they serve for six years. The procedure manual calls for the timely turnover and development of the chairmen of club committees and groups.

In addition, the club continues to benefit from the experience and know how of these leaders, both formally as they serve on the executive board, and informally as they contribute as respected voices at club meetings and activities.

In recent months our club has experienced notable leadership losses — considerably more than what might be considered normal. stalwarts such as Chuck Williams, Blaine Gordon, and Virgil Smith have passed away. In addition, a very significant number of our leaders have relocated including Art Burgott, Ed Conley, Joe Kern, Ray Swartz and Carver Wood.

Clearly, our club faces a very serious challenge in replacing the experience and contributions these leaders have made to our success. In this context, it appears appropriate to take note of Art Burgott's philosophy concerning membership in the SMC. Art commented that "unless you participate in club activities you won't know how much fun it can be and won't know the real joy and satisfaction of membership." Hopefully in this spirit, our membership will respond and new club leadership will continue to develop filling in the ranks of our past great leaders.

—Dick Harper

This Came in the Mail



Dear Friends:

Just a quick thank you for your dedicated volunteers who helped do the letter stuffing for our annual fund drive. Karen enjoyed meeting and working with Bob Erben, Don Nyonard, Dave Dobson, Bob Pullar and Don Dawson.

We are always grateful for your assistance.

Signed,

Frannie Greenebaum

Director of Development,

The Community House

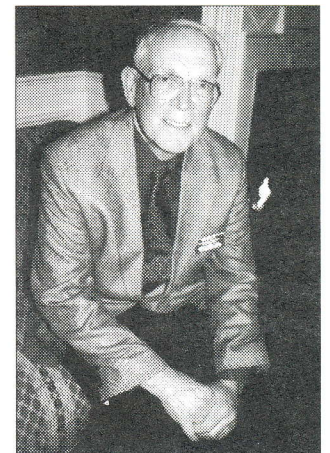
Congratulations!

We offer our congratulations to Don Upward who is serving The Community House as chairman of special projects. Kudos, also to three other Senior Men's Club members who are serving on his committee: Don Dawson, Bob Pullar and Larry Smith.

Member Honor

The Community House has announced that our own Bob Pullar is the recipient of their prestigious "Volunteer of the Year" Award.

The Senior Men's Club is justifiably proud of this well deserved recognition of one of our members. Bob has played a most important role and has been eminently successful as our special projects committee representative for The Community House annual fund drive. In addition, he is very active as a volunteer for many other community activities. Congratulations, and well done, Bob.



Bridge Report

Contract averaged seven players. High average scorers for this period were Carl Schorn (3087), Dick Suminski (2940), Russ Fisher (2890), Chris Davenport (2610). There were two small slams.

Duplicate averaged 32 players. High scorers were Harry Orton (.6706%), Bernie Eisenstein (.6667%), King Ruhly (.661%), Dick Porter (.5833%). There were 16 small slams and two grand slams.

—Zack Endress and Don McNair

Church Tour

Reserve Monday, July 1, 2002 for a unique and interesting special event. The Detroit Historical Society presents a tour of Historic Houses of Worship in Detroit. The cost for this tour of historical Detroit churches is \$35.00 each and includes the tour, transportation and lunch.

The churches you will visit are: The Unitarian-Universalist Church; Bethel A.M.E. Church; Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church; St. John Cantius Roman Catholic Church and Holy Cross Hungarian Church.

This is an advance notice. Tickets will go on sale June 7, 2002. You don't want to miss this great trip.



Golf

The warm weather is here. There is no reason for not playing golf on Thursdays at Springdale from 9:00 AM until the last golfer has teed off. Please arrive one half hour before your tee time to expedite play. Carts are available but must be shared with another player. Remember slow play is discouraged. Advance notice: there will be no league golf on Thursday, July 4, 2002.

Starting June 6, 2002 golf will increase to \$9.00.

—Bill Reilly

Thank You, Thank You

Thank you for the wonderful thoughts and cards. It's fun to be 90 and I hope you all get to try it. I received 81 cards, one with 160 names and one with 55 names on it. Thanks.

—Bob Hadley

Believe This and We Have a Bridge to Sell You

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are "limbs" therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."

Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the "ace of spades." To avoid paying tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't "playing with a full deck."

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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, Michigan 48009.

Officers for 2002 are: Ernest Bergan, president; Benjamin E. Ewing, first vice president; Richard N. Harper, second vice president; John H. McLaughlin, recording secretary; Frank Barnes, corresponding secretary; Raymond Latovick, treasurer; William F. Minard, assistant treasurer; Robert Bannon and Don Cox, officers at large.

THE REMINDER includes: George Lumsden, editor; Dick Harper, Paul Pentecost, Dick Davis and Alvie Smith, associate editors; Bob Hadley and John Dudash, photography; Kenya James and Lee Trumbull, computer layout; Bill English, mailing.

Computer Group

The Register of Deeds of the County of Oakland will present a review of information made available to residents through the Internet. The Computer Group meeting will be held at The Community House at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, June 19, 2002.

—Chuck Kirkpatrick

Camera Group

The Camera Group will meet at The Community House on June 11, 2002 at 2:00 PM. We will visit the islands of Hawaii with Stan Skaistis (SMC member) and his slides. Undoubtedly Stan will have many stories since he served with the U.S. Navy there during World War II.

—Bill Gridley

Investment Study Group

There will be no more meetings until September.

However, we will announce the stock winners from our 47 contestants who began last fall. The final calculations will be based on the market close on May 31, 2002.

Can you wait until Friday, June 6, 2002?

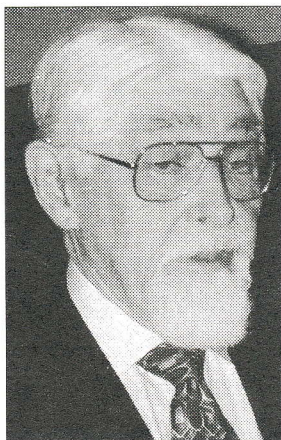
—Bill Johnson

Flag Day



"God Bless our country's emblem that floats o'er land and sea; God bless each waving star and stripe and the men who kept it free - Men who, "mid smoke of battle, and murderous shot and shell," Held high the gleaming colors of the flag they loved so well."

Who is this Golden Oldie?



At the April 26, 2002 meeting of the Senior Men's Club an unlikely imposter sat at the head table and declared he was ready to become a life member. This charming gentlemen had a white goatee and claimed to live in Kentwood, Michigan. After much questioning the facts soon became evident. Ben W. Root, Jr. had indeed recently moved from Birmingham, grew this beautiful goatee and proceeded to relate the key elements of his life to the attending members.

Ben, a graduate of the University of Michigan and a band member spent time in the U.S. Naval Reserve including approximately six months in Attu, Kodiak and Whidby Islands. He introduced the first computer into services at U.S. Rubber in 1955 where he was employed for 46 years. An avid bridge player, Ben will be truly welcomed as the newest "Golden Oldie."

—Bill Reilly

"It ain't the years, but how you spent 'em; ain't the cares that life may bring. It's the joys and dreams and friendships; These are worth remembering."

Club Dates to Remember

Executive Board Meeting: 9:30 a.m. June 11, 2002.

Reminder Deadline: June 14, 2002.

Bridge: Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. and Fridays after lunch.

Golf: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. at Springdale.

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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