

# The Reminder

A Publication of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham

## OCTOBER 1992

**PROGRAM CHAIRMAN:** Ted Olson

**2** Speaker: Robert Kenning, Executive Director, Oakland Building Authority  
Subject: "A Private Assistance to New Home Buyers"

**9** Speaker: Steve Antoniotti, President and General Manager, TV2  
Subject: "The Future of Free Broadcasting"

**16** Speaker: Donald E. Petersen, Former Chairman of the Board, Ford Motor Company  
Subject: "A Conversation with Don Petersen"

**23** **NO MEETING**  
**THE COMMUNITY HOUSE ART SHOW**

**30** Speaker: Robert Schellig, Operations Manager, Grand Trunk Railroad  
Subject: "The New St. Clair River Tunnel: Railroads Gateway to the 20th Century"

**NOVEMBER CHAIRMAN:** Durand Brown

**6** Speaker: Thomas J. Bray, Editorial Page Editor, The Detroit News  
Subject: "What Did It All Mean: The 1992 Election"

### DISCUSSION GROUP

**OCTOBER CHAIRMAN:** BLAINE GORDON

Oct. 2 George Hyma Roundtable discussion:  
"Who Is Your Best Friend Other Than Family Members?"

Oct. 9 Paul Carter "Truman"

Oct. 16 Nate Mills "Should the U.S. Go Metric?"

Oct. 23 **NO MEETING**

Oct. 30 Gordon Robertson "Canadian-American Relations"

Nov. 6 Paul Fitzgerald "Five-Four"

## Club Donations To House Up A Little from '91

With time running out on 1992, Chick Holmes and his Community House liaison committee are working hard to help that organization achieve its Annual Fund Drive Goal.

In mid-September, The Community House was still about \$75,000 short of the drive's \$215,000 target.

Senior Men's Club members and applicants showed a slight increase in total contributions over last year, with members providing \$25,708 this year compared to \$26,942 in '91, while applicants showed a slight increase with \$9,159 versus 91's \$7,148.

The total is \$34,867 for 1992 compared to last year's \$34,080. The number of givers was also close, 477 to 466 in 1991.

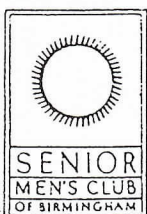
Chick and his group are pushing to increase all these 1992 figures. They ask your help if you have not already made a contribution.

## Computer Group Date Is Changed

Because of The Community House Art Show, which will tie up the facilities for the week of Oct. 18, the Computer Group will be meeting on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 2:30 p.m. instead of its usual time.



# 49-Year Wait for Diploma From Oxford Ends for Walt



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A Senior Men's member has received a diploma, of sorts, that he earned at Balliol College, Oxford University, England, in 1943 -- forty-nine years ago.

Walter T. Murphy, then a Lieutenant stationed in England with the U.S. Army 8th Air Force, signed on for a residency leave-course in U.S.-British diplomatic history sponsored by Oxford University and the U.S. military. At the end of the course, officials of the College presented each student at a graduation breakfast tea with a Certificate of Completion. In subsequent snafues incident to troop movements and the return of the 8th Air Force to the U.S.A., following Germany's surrender, Murphy lost his prized piece of scholastic parchment from Oxford. When

he got around to asking for a duplicate, the answer was that war-time records were in such a shambles from German bombings, no meaningful certificate could be issued.

But last week, 49 years after the educational program at Balliol, and the exchange of correspondence between the former Air Corps Officer and the college, Murphy got his replacement diploma in the form of a handwritten certification from the Balliol College Dean and Archivist, Dr. John Jones, M.A., D. Phil, C Chem, FRSC, Fr Hist S. In a personal letter with the certificate, Dean Jones wrote:

"We do not have set forms for our certificates and on the rare occasions when I am asked to provide a certificate of attendance, I do it in my own handwriting ... With warm good wishes,

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 6 Golfer's Banquet--Cash bar 6:30 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m.
- Oct. 13 Executive Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- Oct. 13 Camera Group Meeting 2 p.m.
- Oct. 14 SPECIAL EVENT: Trip to Marshall Fredericks Gallery in Saginaw. Departs from Methodist Church parking lot at 8:30 a.m.
- Oct. 14 Investment Group Meeting 2:45 p.m.
- Oct. 15 Computer Group Meeting 2:30 p.m.
- BOWLING Mondays at Thunderbird Lanes 9 a.m.
- BRIDGE Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Fridays after lunch.
- GOLF Thursdays at 8 a.m. as long as weather permits

ALL EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

THE REMINDER DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCT. 23, 1992



## Two Special Events

### Trip to Fredericks Gallery, Players Musical Scheduled

Two major special events, with a heavy focus on the arts and drama, have been scheduled for Senior Men's Club members, applicants and guests.

On tap are:

**Oct. 14** -- A trip to the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery located in the Aubrey Fine Arts Center on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University.

**Nov. 24** -- A theater party and afterglow at the Village Players, featuring a delightful performance of "South Pacific."

The car caravan to the Fredericks exhibition will depart from the First Methodist Church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14, and should be returning by 4:30 or 5 p.m. A nominal \$1 admission fee is charged at the gallery.

The gallery features an extraordinary collection of more than 200 of Fredericks' works, with original models, sketches, and photographs on display. A "coffee break" stop at Birch Run, a vast mall, is planned, and lunch will be on campus or at the participants' pleasure.

Arrangements can be made through Oct. 9. Call Ken Nagley at 647-7591 if you had reservations for a previously planned bus trip.

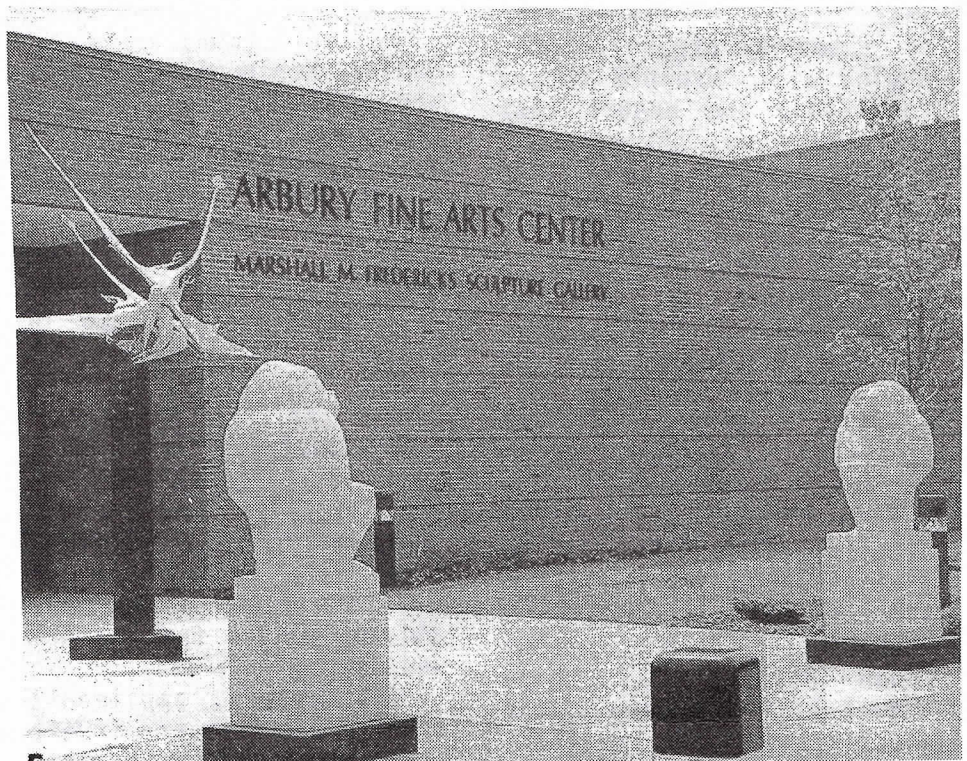
Phil Werner, Chair  
Ken Nagley  
Larry Smith  
Special Events  
Committee

#### SMC to Share Show with BASCC

The Rogers and Hammerstein play, "South Pacific," is a classical musical set in the islands of the South Pacific during World War II. It's full of memorable music, fun and romance. The Senior Men's Club has joined forces with BASCC to make this show

available on Nov. 24.

Tickets at \$10 each will be on sale at Senior Men's Club meetings the latter part of October. All members, applicants, wives and guests are cordially invited. The price includes refreshments during intermission and an afterglow following the performance.



A sculpture garden greets visitors to Fredericks' Gallery

## Dues Collection Starts Oct. 2

It's that time of year! Beginning Friday, Oct. 2, Walt Meyers will establish a beachhead to begin collecting dues for 1993.

This is by way of making it convenient for those heading South to make certain they will not run afoul of the March 1

deadline.

As usual, dues will be \$25 for active members, \$10 for associates, and \$5 for applicants.

Incidentally, it is also good to keep in mind that attendance at 10 meetings is a requirement to maintain good standing.



## KEEPING UP WITH \* THE SENIOR MEN

**PETTI IN SHOW AGAIN** -- Member Omer Petti will once again have one of his sculptures in The Community House Art Show this year. It's a wood carving entitled "Convolutions." Look for it.

**NAGLEY NAMED** -- President Dawkins has asked Ken Nagley to serve on the Birmingham Public Schools Facilities Study Steering Committee. With other representatives of community organizations, Nagley will "explore future conditions and ensure that ... learning environments are creatively used and appropriate to student and community needs."

**FOR BOOK LOVERS** -- Thanks to the efforts of several Senior Men's Club members, a major Book Festival Weekend has been set for Oct. 29-Nov. 2. Friends of the Baldwin Library, the Cranbrook Writers' Guild, and the Birmingham Eccentric are sponsoring the exciting project which will feature five events, including a "Luncheon with Sir Arthur Conan Doyle," the third annual Guild Literary Soiree and Auction, the Friends' Book Sale, and a session with an antiquarian book dealer who will discuss collecting books and offer appraisals, and a panel discussion on writing and publishing featuring three distinguished Birmingham area women writers.

You'll find details in your Oct. 1 Eccentric or you can ask Frank Angelo, King Ruhley, John Wendstrand, Walter Fry, and/or John Delos for further information.

**NEED FIRE WOOD?** -- Carl Schorn, whose home rests in

## *Sculpture and Books, Work with School Board Among Their Interests*

a heavily wooded area, offers cut fireplace wood to anyone who wants to come and get it. Call him at 646-8515 to set up a date, or check with him at any meeting.

## Camera Group To 'Travel' to Mexico, Moscow

Walter (Bud) Fry, a Senior Men's Club member, who has traveled and photographed extensively, will present a program entitled "Sunrise to Moonrise ... Mexico to Moscow" at the Camera Group's meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. at The Community House.

Fry began his business career in a family-owned firm supplying seat covers to the auto companies. His final years were with "Automotive Conversion," converting station wagons and vans into police cars and ambulances for the Army and Navy.

All members, applicants, wives and guests are invited to attend this exciting program.

### Stock Game Deadline Set

Hurry, hurry ....  
Oct. 14 is the  
final day for  
entering the Stock  
Game. See Bill  
MacLachlan for  
entry blanks and  
game rules.

## Corba to Give 'Insider' Look At Mutual Funds

The focus will be on mutual funds when the Investment Group holds its monthly session on Oct. 14 at The Community House at 2:45 p.m.

Members, applicants, wives and friends who attend will be getting an "insider's" view for building wealth via the fund route.

Making the presentation will be Kenneth W. Corba, son of applicant Bill Corba, and one of the country's top portfolio managers. He is Managing Director of the Capital Management Group in Chicago and has especially scheduled his travel plans to talk to our Senior Men's group.

Ken is a graduate of Birmingham Groves and earned

BA and MBA degrees at U of M.

He joined Stein, Rose and Fronham in Chicago in 1984; was moved to Florida to be in the firm's regional office, and then to Puerto Rico to manage



Ken Corba

that office in 1986.

Corba returned to Chicago headquarters in 1988. In his present capacity he also manages one of the firm's family of mutual funds known as the Stein Roe Stock Fund. It's an equity growth fund that currently rates a "buy" recommendation in the Mutual Fund Forecaster, with a one-year profit projection of 22 percent.



## Bowlers Add Something New For '92 Season: A 'Blind Team'

Bowling season started out with a bang, or should it be strikes, on Sept. 21 at the Thunderbird Lanes in Troy.

Enthusiasm was high before the first ball rolled down the alleys (now called

The number of teams for this season has increased to 16 from last year's 14. A special feature is that, for the first time, the league has a team referred to as the "blind team." I'll try to explain. This blind team, having imaginary team members, has a fixed team average of 565. During the season, teams scheduled to bowl against the blind team must bowl a higher score than 565 in order to win points.

The season began with the youngest bowler, Murray Kennedy, 92, rolling the first ball. Total attendance was 50, including two subs.

Scoring highlights were as follows:

Bill Quinlan bowled an even 200 for the only 200 game of the day; 500 series were rolled by Dick Harper 532, Bill Quinlan 531, Dick Rosenbaum 529, Fran DeGrande 525, Bert Henderson 508, and Art Byington 500.

Two bowlers registered series under 300, and ten games were rolled under 100. Of course, names of these bowlers will not be mentioned to protect the writer of this article.

Subs, Subs! Where are you? Come out and enjoy the fun.

**FRAN DEGRANDE**  
CHAIRMAN

## Stonycroft Outing A Great Affair

We enjoyed the exercise and food for our bodies, the fun and fellowship as food for our souls. Our Maker gave us perfect weather and all summer long he prepared the Course.

Our hosts gave us rolls and coffee to get our tickers kicked in and after three hours we all were completely devoid of vim and vigor and then they revived us with a gourmet lunch complete with apple pie and ice cream.

Thank you, members of Stonycroft, and thank your Pro Jake Pilat for making up the foursomes, matching up the cart riders and putting up with a bunch of Seniors.

## Golf Banquet: Fun, Food, Prizes

Prizes for all, good food and fellowship will be the rule on Wednesday evening, Oct. 6 when the golfers ... members and applicants combined ... will hold their annual bash.



### CONTRACT BRIDGE

Averages being reported are for play of Sept. 4 and 11, 1992:

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Don Rader       | 3890 |
| Art Underwood   | 3240 |
| Bob Lotz        | 2670 |
| Don McNair      | 2330 |
| Carl Schorn     | 2270 |
| Marty Hubbard   | 2250 |
| Frank Hanson    | 2175 |
| Nick Greenbaum  | 2160 |
| Jules Falke     | 2100 |
| Bert Van Kampen | 2000 |

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Results for play Aug. 14 through Sept. 11:

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| Bob Davis    | 69.0% |
| Norm Schmitt | 68.4% |
| Jim Crabb    | 65.6% |
| Bob Acosta   | 65.0% |

**DON MCNAIR**

Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with an "attitude adjustment" period, followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

It will all happen at The Community House, and the cost is \$17. Tickets may be obtained from Lowman, Peters, Steele and Swartz, with Oct. 2 the deadline.

## Play Continues

The weather since Aug. 13 has provided us with plenty of moisture.

Attendance was down, but the majority stuck with their belief that it never rains on a golf course during daylight.

Closest to the Pin on No. 6 went from 8 feet to 30 feet and the money was \$7.25 to \$15.25. Birdies were kind of scarce. Bean, Hoagland and Clark led the way with low scores.

Play continues since Springdale will close Nov. 1. Until then we will continue to play every Thursday starting at 8 a.m. Bring your regular foursome or just come out, and we will make the foursomes. Same price. Sorry, active members only.

**JAY, JOE, DON, JOHN & RAY**  
THE COMMITTEE



# KEEPING UP WITH \*NEW MEMBERS

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## 1992 ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE FOR APPLICANTS

|              |                  |                   |                    |
|--------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <u>A - F</u> | <u>G - L</u>     | <u>M - R</u>      | <u>S - Z</u>       |
| Oct. 30      | Oct. 2<br>Nov. 6 | Oct. 9<br>Nov. 13 | Oct. 16<br>Nov. 20 |

The Club does not meet Oct. 23, Nov. 27, or the month of August. Applicants cannot attend any December meetings.

So you may know them better,  
The Reminder presents resumés  
of the most recently inducted members

### RICHARD H. CUMMINGS

**BACKGROUND** -- Born in Springfield, MA and was graduated from Amherst College; also has an MBA from Harvard Business School. Was captain in Air Force during World War II and moved to Birmingham in 1948. Joined National Bank of Detroit and retired 38 years later as senior vice chairman of NBD and NBD Bankcorp.

**FAMILY** -- He and wife Cynthia, who has spoken to the Senior Men's Club twice on the subject, "You, Too, Can Write Poetry," have a son Roger and four grandchildren.

**HOBBIES** -- Golf and bridge.

**SPONSOR** -- James Fonda

### GEORGE J. LUMSDEN

**BACKGROUND** -- Life story starts with his father's shoe store in Niagara Falls, NY. Attended Hope College (BA) and University of Michigan (MA). Served as ensign on a mine sweeper in the Pacific, then began a career in communications and management training that found him working for Chrysler for 17 years, among other efforts. Author of eight books.

**FAMILY** -- He and wife Marjorie have a son Jim working in marketing and sales in Chicago; a daughter Nancy who is a writer in Coral Springs, FL.

Spoke to SMC in Feb. 1992. His subject: "We've Come a Long Way ... Maybe."

**HOBBIES** -- Golf, reading, travel.

**SPONSOR** -- Art Burgott

### NEW MEMBERS:

|  |      |          |  | SPONSOR       |
|--|------|----------|--|---------------|
| JOHNSON, RICHARD W.                    | 9/92 | 644-8733 |  | Stan Skaistis |
| 797 N. Shady Holly Circle<br>(Ruthann) | BH   | 48304    |  |               |
| LUMSDEN, GEORGE J.                     | 9/92 | 647-2038 |  | Art Burgott   |
| 2694 Heathfield Ct.<br>(Marjorie)      | BH   | 48301    |  |               |

### SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

LEROY SNELL, life member, will be 96 on Oct. 1  
GORDON ROBERTSON, life member, will be 91 on Oct. 1  
BILL GARRISON, life member, will be 92 on Oct. 16  
NICK GREENBAUM, life member, will be 90 on Oct. 17  
JOE LANDRE, life member, will be 90 on Oct. 23  
JOHN DIETRICH, life member, will be 92 on Oct. 27

### TRANSFERRED TO ASSOCIATE:

MILLER, LLOYD; 125 Danforth St., Box 60;  
Portland, Maine 04101

### DEATHS:

ALBERT RIEBLING, Life Member who joined in Dec. 1975  
HOWARD L. CANFIELD, Life Member who joined in Nov. 1974  
JOHN MacLELLAN, Life Member who joined in Feb. 1979  
DONALD W. BLOW, who joined in Feb. 1988  
PHILLIP TAORMINA, who joined in Mar. 1989

### REINSTATED AS A MEMBER:

LOVINER, JACK 9/92 646-1013  
5199 Winlane Dr. BH 48302

(Beverly)

### RICHARD W. JOHNSON

**BACKGROUND** -- Born and raised in Birmingham and was graduated from old Baldwin High 50 years ago. Also attended Wayne State University. Was an engineer for Ford Motor Company and retired after 33 years of service at Body Engineering.  
**FAMILY** -- Lives in Bloomfield Hills with wife

Ann. They have six children, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. He and wife are active members of St. Thomas More Church, involved with church's work at the Baldwin Avenue Soup Kitchen in Pontiac.

**HOBBIES** -- An avid sports fan and golfer.

**SPONSOR** -- Stanley Skaitis