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PROGRAM FOR JANUARY -- PAST PRESIDENTS' MONTH

- Friday, January 4 (Program arranged by James K. Flack)
Speaker: L. L. (Bud) Angevine
Topic: "Jerusalem Through the Ages" -- color film
- Friday, January 11 (Program arranged by Ross Wagner)
Speaker: Larry Sherman
Topic: "Israel"
- Friday, January 18 (Program arranged by Charles B. Kass)
Speaker: Richard Fimmel, Vice President, Corporate
Communication, Blue Cross - Blue Shield
Topic: "A Potpourri of the Blues"
- Friday, January 25 (Program arranged by S. Walter Meyers)
Speaker: Mardy Polaner
Topic: "The Sinking of the Ward Liner Mohawk"
(A very personal experience)

FEBRUARY PROGRAM CHAIRMAN -- MURRAY KENNEDY

- Friday, February 1 (Bob Watson will introduce speaker)
Speaker: One of the two Fire Marshals for Bloomfield
Township -- the one not busy attending a fire.
Topic: "Fire Safety Demonstration"

DISCUSSION GROUP SUBJECTS -- BILL WILSON - CHAIRMAN

- Friday, January 4 "The Electric Car -- Has Its Day Come?"
Art Newman - Leader
- Friday, January 11 "Solar Energy Update"
Durand Brown - Leader
- Friday, January 18 "Whatever Happened to Bigger Is Better?"
Paul Carter - Leader
- Friday, January 25 "Poland Revisited"
Chet Rucinski - Leader
- Friday, February 1 "Egypt and the Middle East"
Joe Sackerson - Leader

DATES TO REMEMBER: Executive Board meets Tuesday, January 8 - 10:30 A.M.
Camera Group: Tuesday, January 8 - 2:00 P.M.

THE REMINDER

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THREE MEMBERS RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS; HAIL SMC AS THE GREATEST

Here are three expressions from members which should make us all feel proud. All three, by coincidence, were sent to The Reminder during Christmas week. Here they are, in alphabetical order.

- * Please accept this brief note as a small acknowledgment of my appreciation to all of you, both husbands and wives, who have been so generous with your letters, cards, and telephone calls concerning my well-being. The total number of messages is now over 400, so you can understand why it is not possible to acknowledge each one individually. When I first joined the Senior Men's Club, my sponsor told me that this is one of the finest organizations that you could ever join. He was wrong. It is the finest. I might close by paraphrasing Winston Churchill: "Never in all history has one owed so much to so many." -- Jim Flack
- * Your Historian "threw a wheel" and had surgery (old man's trouble) being confined in St. Joe's Hospital for a week -- November 6th to 11th. While there my disposition was greatly improved when it became evident I was not forgotten. Thank you all for your cards and visits. I was made aware of the importance of and the great amount of good it does. May you all experience a Happy and Prosperous New Year. -- Trescott (Mose) Henshaw
- * While recovering from surgery I am anxious to acknowledge the large number of communications received from Senior Men's Club members. Ours is indeed a wonderful organization. Your calls and letters came to me in the hospital and also since I returned home. I hope to see you in a few weeks. (Meanwhile, many thanks to all those who sent me their good wishes.) -- Charlie Kass

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FOR 1980

ATTENDANCE	- PALMER E. BOLLINGER
RETURNEES & GUESTS	- AMOS F. GREGORY
CAMERA GROUP	- GLEN A. SMITH
CHAPLAINS	- RAY A. SWARTZ
DISCUSSION	- WILLIAM S. WILSON
GAMES	- JOSEPH C. SACKERSON
BOWLING	- MARCEL DeSMET
CARDS	- JOSEPH A. HENNINGER
GOLF	- AUSTIN T. THORSON
HANDBOOK	- S. WALTER MEYERS
HEALTH	- ARTHUR C. BURGOTT
HISTORY	- TRESCOTT A. HENSHAW
HOSPITALITY	- LAURANCE J. VAN TUYL
LEGISLATIVE	- ROSS A. WAGNER
LUNCH TICKETS	- DAVID A. MUTCHLER
MASTER OF CEREMONIES	- CLARENCE W. JOHNSON
MEMBERSHIP	- VERNON C. BRYANT
POLICY	- EARL D. TRIPLETT
PROGRAMS	- 2nd V.P. - THOMAS R. KILGOUR
PUBLICITY	- GEORGE W. WINBORN
REMINDER	- ALBERT RIEBLING
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	- VICTOR F. ULRICH
SPECIAL EVENTS	- CLINT H. BRISENDINE
SPECIAL PROJECT	- ALMON C. HOLMES
TABLE DECORATIONS	- LYMAN W. JILLSON
TABLE SETTING	- LELAND N. WORTHLEY
VISUAL SOUND	- LELAND N. WORTHLEY

1980 COMMUNITY HOUSE FUND DRIVE

The 1980 Community House Fund Drive goal has been raised a modest 3% to \$100,000. Now, if everyone of us follows suit, or even makes it an even 5%, we can continue our splendid record of contributions. Pledge cards will be mailed in early February, or you may get yours from me if you are leaving beautiful, balmy Birmingham for chilly Florida or other equally unfortunate spots. Last year, 98% of our members contributed an average amount of about \$25.00. I'll let you figure out the new average we should give. Thank you.

-- Chick Holmes -- Chairman --

WISE WORDS- FROM OUR ABSENT CONSERVATIVE VIEWPINTER -- SEWARD LAWSON

Although unable to get back to our meetings until further physical therapy, Seward's answers to questions are as keen as ever. When Tom Kilgour recently asked him about his rate of progress, Seward replied: "It's difficult to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere." Seward has also passed on to our members the following:

"Poets have long extolled love at first sight. Even more remarkable, however, is love between two people who have had 40 years to think it over."

BOWLING REPORT -- FIRST HALF-SEASON

JOE SACKERSON - CHAIRMAN

<u>Final Team Standings</u>	<u>High Singles</u>	<u>Team High - 3 Games</u>
Team No. 7 - 36 points	Team No. 1 - 735	Team No. 10 - 1953
Team No. 8 - 34 points	Team No. 10 - 721	Team No. 10 - 1935
Team No. 6 - 31½ points	Team No. 10 - 705	Team No. 8 - 1911

Individual High Singles

Sackerson - 246
 Sturgeon - 235
 Spehar - 231

Individual High Series

Sackerson - 614
 Spehar - 606
 Swartz - 581

Bowlers - REMEMBER - Bowling resumes Monday, January 7, 1980.

CAMERA GROUP -- GLEN SMITH - CHAIRMAN

First meeting of the New Year will be on Tuesday, January 8, at 2:00 P.M. A feature of the session will be Lee Worthley's slide presentation of a trip to England and Scotland via British Airways and the Cunard Line.

SUNCOAST CHAPTER RESERVATIONS -- NOW BEING TAKEN BY COMMITTEE

Please get your reservations in promptly for the Annual Luncheon at Davey's Locker in Sarasota, Friday, March 14, at 12 noon. Golf is scheduled for Thursday, March 13. Fill in the form below and either give or mail it to a committee member.

Suncoast Committee: Bob Bellile, 8625 Midnight Pass Road, Sarasota, Florida, 33581. His Sarasota phone: 349-4394.

Nelson Jones, 6727 Midnight Pass Road, Apt. 112-A, Sarasota, Florida, 33581. Phone: 349-9200.

Also on committee are Rollie Nette and Russ Smith.

SUNCOAST RESERVATION FORM

LUNCH: March 14 - Davey's Locker - 12:00 noon - Sarasota

I plan to attend (Name): _____

Wife's name (if attending) _____

Guest's Name _____

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GOLF: Thursday, March 13:

I would like to play _____ 9 Holes _____ 18 Holes

I can be reached in Florida at: _____

Telephone _____

From _____ To _____

DECEMBER BRIDGE REPORT -- JOSEPH R. HENNINGER - CHAIRMAN

There were 204 bridge players for the three weeks in December, for an average of 68 players per week.

10 Highest Scores During December

1 - Carl Schorn	5130
2 - Larry Van Tuyl	5090
3 - Les Wilder	4550
4 - Pete Shryock	4020
5 - Ted Harrington	3810
6 - Tex Thorson	3710
7 - Bill Hanlon	3610
8 - Howard Walser	3590
9 - Walt Dreyer	3580
10 - Bob Benson	3570
- Al Voss	3570

10 Highest Averages for December

1 - Larry Van Tuyl	3505
2 - Ted Harrington	3195
3 - Bob Benson	2830
4 - Amos Gregory	2550
5 - Frank Morton	2530
6 - Lloyd Sturgeon	2475
7 - Chris Hilliker	2470
- Corlis Watson	2470
8 - Pete Shryock	2450
9 - Les Wilder	2445
10 - Joe Henninger	2440

LOW SCORE during this period was 250 by Jack Decker. There were 7 small slams and one grand slam bid and made during this period.

ANNUAL BRIDGE REPORT -- YEAR 1979

There were 3360 Bridge Players during the past year for an average of 76 players per week.

10 TOP SCORES FOR THE YEAR

1 - Lorin Vollmer	5980
2 - Bob Baxter	5600
3 - Bill Renton	5530
4 - Grant Barber	5460
5 - Russ Smith	5270
6 - Bill Hanlon	5250
7 - Eldred Fish	5210
8 - Chris Hilliker	5150
9 - Carl Schorn	5130
10 - Ted Harrington	5110

LOW SCORE for the year was John Bickel with 140. There were 8 Grand Slams and 132 Small Slams bid and made. At this time I would like to publicly thank my assistant Bill Renton for his help -- and both Dan Watts and Rollie Webber for their part in setting up the lunch tables on the non-meeting bridge dates throughout this past year.

-- Joseph R. Henninger --
Bridge Chairman

VITAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

There were no new members in December.

NEW ADDRESS: James L. McCubbrey is moving to California. His address is: 177 Mountain Vista Place, Santa Rosa, California 95405.

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REMINDS MEMBERS: If you move or change your telephone number, please notify him. Your new address or phone number will be published in The Reminder, so your fellow members can keep their directories up to date. Paul Mortimer is our 1980 Corresponding Secretary.

OUR OUTGOING CORRESPONDING SECRETARY HAS A WORD FOR YOU:

Happy New Year! And Birthday Greetings to two of our Associate Members:
 Raymond W. Morgan - December 3
 William Pilditch - December 6

The above information is from the pen of Art Newman, outgoing Corresponding Secretary, and Incoming 1980 Recording Secretary.

IN MEMORY

Alfred O. Gade, who joined our Club in December, 1974, died December 18, 1979. He had been chief tool engineer for the Budd Company, later joining General Motors where he remained for 20 years until his retirement. In addition to his association with the Senior Men's Club, he was interested in music as a member of the Concordia Singing Society.

Armond E. Staschke, who joined our Club in March, 1972, died December 26, 1979. He was with the National Twist Drill Company for 37 years until retirement ten years ago. He was a regular at our meetings until he became ill last summer.

MEMBER WILLING TO SHARE HOME

Pete Shryock, who recently lost his wife, is now living alone and would be glad to share his home with a responsible member or friend. His roomy three-bedroom house is at 1636 Derby. See him at our meetings or phone him: 649-5352.